

## LATEST

### Bomb in Mail Blasts Nazis

LONDON (CP)—The Polish Telegraph agency said tonight that a number of Nazi officials had been injured when a time bomb exploded in Bruhl Palace, residence of the German governor of Warsaw, March 20.

The German administrative offices were destroyed but the governor escaped, the agency said. The bomb was delivered in the mails.

### 'Lost' Ship Docks

WASHINGTON (AP)—Given up as lost after a torpedo attack, a "ghost ship" manned by a skeleton crew sailed 700 miles to an Allied port, the U.S. navy reported this afternoon.

### Dairy Subsidies Announced

OTTAWA (CP)—Price and subsidy arrangements applicable to cheese, butter and milk used for fluid consumption and concentration purposes during the 1943-44 production season were announced by Agriculture Minister Gardiner in the Commons this afternoon.

The minimum prices for May butter will be 30 cents a pound in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba; 32 cents in British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec, and 33 cents in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

For June the prices will be three-eighths of a cent higher in each area, with progressive gains monthly until December.

### Claim Forces Joined

LONDON (AP)—The Berlin radio broadcast a report today that Field Marshal Rommel's forces in Tunisia had succeeded in joining the Axis legions under Col. Gen. Jürgen von Arnim.

There were no details. The broadcast was recorded by the Associated Press.

### International Plan In Air Favored

OTTAWA (CP)—International collaboration and co-operation in air transport is favored by the Canadian government, Prime Minister King said this afternoon in the Commons.

The government, he said, "is prepared to support in international negotiations whatever international air transport policy can be demonstrated as being best calculated to serve not only the immediate national interests of Canada but also our overriding interest in the establishment of an international order which will prevent the outbreak of another world war."

### Reject Miners' Plea

NEW YORK (AP)—Anthracite mine operators rejected today major demands made by the United Mine Workers' Union in negotiations for a new contract to replace the one expiring April 30.

The union asked for a \$2-a-day wage increase over the basic rate of \$5.08. The contract would cover between 80,000 and 100,000 miners in the hard coal fields of Pennsylvania.

### Bull Sale Record

CALGARY (CP)—An all-time record for Calgary's annual spring sale of purebred bulls was set today when 625 Herefords, Shorthorns and Aberdeen Angus brought a total of approximately \$250,000.

### Renews Fight For CBC Link Here

By NORMAN MACLEOD

OTTAWA—Prospects of Victoria radio station CJVI becoming linked up with the CBC trans-Canada network were raised here again today in an effort to force the CBC to reverse its anti-Victoria stand.

R. W. Mayhew, M.P. for Victoria, is seeking to bring about such a link on behalf of the radio listeners in Victoria and on the island.

Today, Mr. Mayhew secured the agreement of the CBC board of governors to consider a submission on the matter at their next meeting, April 12. Mr. Mayhew has been accorded permission to appear before the governors and present the submission personally.

### Report British Parachutists Now In Denmark Also

LONDON (AP)—German radio reports about the activity of British parachute troops in Denmark and Norway, while interesting as an admission that the British have their own men operating in those countries, were regarded by some observers today as a Nazi attempt to cover up increasing native sabotage and unrest within the countries and to allow imposition of even sharper restrictions.

For the second time in five weeks the German-controlled Friesland radio station Thursday night told how armed British chutists had blown up a factory in Denmark, and the announcer complained of "the collaboration of the Danes."

The station's broadcasts were heard here by the BBC.

The reports of Danish sabotage came even as the Germans imposed severe curfew restrictions on the Hardanger Vidda plateau in western Norway, where British and Norwegian parachute troops were reported in Stockholm dispatches to have established a mountain base.

### NAZIS KEPT BUSY

The Swedish radio, in a broadcast heard here by the Daily Express, said the German commander in Norway, Josef Terboven, was personally directing several thousand occupation troops in the hunt for the nest of Britons and Norwegians, which some reports said totaled 1,000 men.

The London Daily Herald printed a dispatch which said that thousands of young Lithuanian peasants were waging guerrilla warfare in open revolt against the German overlords. Hundreds of students from Vilna and Kovno, and some professors, were reported to have joined the demonstrators.

In addition, there were said to have been small infiltrations of regular Russian troops from positions near the Lithuanian border, and Soviet planes were reported to be dropping supplies to the bands.

### LITHUANIAN OPPOSITION

(The Swedish newspaper Nya Dagbladet Allehanda said the Germans had publicly executed 40 Lithuanians in the Vilna district as an example because farmers had refused to yield agricultural products and Lithuanians had not responded to an army service call.)

Greece was furnishing more reports of increasing sabotage, the latest relating damage to German planes in an Athens repair shop which caused them to crash on their first flight.

A Reuters story from Istanbul said it was estimated there that the Germans had arrested more than 5,000 workers in Greece since the Casablanca and Adana Allied conferences and that nearly 300 of them had been executed.

From Istanbul came a report of street fighting in which 18 were killed and 22 wounded when police attempted to break up a parade in Sofia, Bulgaria, that turned into a demonstration favoring Soviet Russia.

### 3,000 Australians Lost in New Guinea

SYDNEY (CP)—Lieut. Gen. Thomas Blamey, commander of Allied ground forces in the southwest Pacific, disclosed today that 3,000 Australians were killed in New Guinea, but said the Dominion soldiers buried 5,000 Japanese, in addition to bodies disposed of by Americans and those buried or cremated by the invaders themselves.

He said, addressing a civic reception here, that soldiers who had met the Japanese knew the Australian troops were superior to the enemy.

There had been many casualties due to malaria, he said, but the incidence from that cause had been satisfactorily reduced.

Relations between Australians and U.S. troops in operational areas were the happiest, he said, auguring well for combined success.

Gen. Blamey said the number of divisions Australia maintained in the field was probably the highest of any Empire country.

### Victoria TCA Run Before Ottawa Board For Decision

OTTAWA (CP)—A Trans-Canada Air Lines application to extend its trans-Canada service from Vancouver to Victoria today was before the Board of Transport Commissioners. The application is being opposed by Canadian Pacific Airways, which operates a service from Vancouver to Esquimalt, B.C.

A. W. Potts, superintendent of air and land mails in the post office department, was a witness today and urged the application be granted to speed up air mail between Vancouver and Victoria. The post office department was anxious to have this extension of the TCA service, he said.

R. W. Mayhew, Liberal, Victoria, also urged the application be granted. This afternoon representatives of the Vancouver Chamber of Commerce supported the application.

Under the proposal Trans-Canada planes from the east would leave Vancouver at 11 a.m. and 11 p.m., arriving in Victoria 25 minutes later. The eastbound planes would leave Victoria at 5:15 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., arriving in Vancouver 25 minutes later, and from there continue across Canada.

### Soviet Accepts Bid To Food Conference

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union has accepted an invitation from the United States to send representatives to a United Nations conference on postwar food questions, it was announced today.

(President Roosevelt announced plans for the conference several weeks ago in Washington, indicating then it would be limited strictly to executive sessions. Canada will be represented at the conference.)

(Deliberations over such problems as food production and distribution, nutrition and commercial and financial arrangements for the entire program are scheduled to begin April 27, at a point as yet undesignated. The State Department has announced that 38 governments have been invited to send their technical experts to the conference.)

### CANADA MAY JOIN

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada is expected to take part in any United Nations conference on postwar food questions which may result from suggestions now being put forward at Washington.

### BELGIAN DELEGATES

LONDON (CP)—Inbel, Belgian news agency, announced today the Belgian government has accepted the United States' invitation to take part in the coming food conference.

The news agency said the government planned to send two experts—Dr. E. J. Bigwood, authority on nutritional questions, and Louis Borremans, agriculture attaché at the Belgian embassy here.

### Mareth Line Action: British Infantry Move in to Oust Axis



During the final storming of the Axis Mareth Line in southern Tunisia, infantrymen of the British 8th Army are shown advancing under cover of a smoke screen to move in and send the enemy running north. Photo radioed from Cairo.

### Week-End Excursion Railway Rates To Be Eliminated

OTTAWA (CP)—Special week-end railway rates will be stopped for a four-month trial period from April 15 to Aug. 15, Transport Minister Michaud announced today to the House of Commons railways and shipping committee.

He said the suspension of the special rate would not affect special rates granted to members of the armed forces.

R. C. Vaughan, Canadian National Railways president, said the railway had urged for several months suspension of week-end rates in an effort to relieve traffic congestion, but the Prices Board had opposed the change, contending it would increase living costs.

"That is bureaucracy rampant," commented Hon. R. B. Hanson, Prog. Con., York-Sunbury, N.B.

### Important Declaration Expected From Algiers

LONDON (CP)—The Algiers radio announced it would broadcast an "important declaration" today. The announcement, recorded by the Associated Press, did not hint as to the nature of the statement. It might refer to a development in the battle of Tunisia, or to the north African political situation.

### Must Douse Brush Fires

Violation of blackout regulations requiring all brush fires to be doused half an hour after sunset will be dealt with severely, W. C. Mainwaring, A.R.P. director, said in Vancouver today. He said some brush fires, mostly due to clearing operations on Vancouver Island and the mainland, had been left burning after the specified time.

### 5 Jap Destroyers Hit in South Pacific; 16 Planes Downed

WASHINGTON (AP)—American bombers battered a Japanese force of five destroyers southwest of Kolombangara, while almost at the same time fighter planes were engaging 30 to 40 Japanese Zero fighters and shooting down 16 of the enemy planes, the United States navy reported today.

In these Solomon Island engagements, six U.S. planes were lost in the aerial combat, fought northwest of Guadalcanal Island, but two of the pilots were rescued.

Results of the attack by bombers on the Japanese surface force were not observed, the navy reported in a communique which told also of two more attacks on the Japanese base at Kiska in the Aleutians.

Shooting down of the 16 Zeros in the aerial dogfight off Guadalcanal brought to 902 the number of Japanese planes announced here as lost in the Solomons.

No official explanation of the presence of the Japanese force off Kolombangara Island, 190 miles from Guadalcanal, was given. It was presumed because of the presence of a cargo vessel in the force that it was engaged in carrying supplies to one of the Japanese bases in the Solomons area, possibly that at much-battered Munda.

### Rations for Jailbirds

NEW YORK (AP)—Asked why he wasn't following a recent recommendation that ration books be collected from prisoners, a perplexed employee at a city lock-up replied: "What should I do if a prisoner is brought here without his ration book? Send him home for it?"

### Britain Greatly Boosts Output of Planes

LONDON (CP)—Britain's February output of heavy bombers was four times as large as that in February, 1942, and munitions production was up 40 per cent in the same period, Oliver Lyttleton, Minister of Production, announced today.

He told the Institution of Chemical Engineers that the last quarter of 1942 saw 75 per cent greater production in aircraft than the average quarterly output in the previous year, and that overall production of weapons, ammunition, tanks and other war machinery was doubled.

He credited the increases to greater labor efficiency and to scientific progress.

The uptrend in production will continue, Lyttleton declared, although not at the same pace.

### German Civilians Leaving Spain

LONDON (CP)—In the "inside information" column of the Daily Sketch of London it was declared today German civilians are "fleeing out of Spain."

The report, which did not quote its source, said 2,000 Germans, most of whom have been in official or semiofficial jobs, were booked to pass the frontier at Irún within a day or two, and were understood to be returning for army and other service.

Declaring "diplomatic observers regard this as a good sign," the report added: "Germany would not be withdrawing these men, it is argued, if she still had designs on Spain, and intended to demand right of way through the peninsula to north Africa."

### French Labor Slaves To Be Sent to Sicily

LONDON (CP)—Reuter's news agency reported today in a dispatch from Zurich, Switzerland, that Fritz Sauckel, German labor commissioner, had demanded that France supply 150,000 more workers for the Reich.

Fifty thousand of the workers would be sent to Sicily and the remainder employed on fortifications along the French Mediterranean coast, the dispatch said.

The Berlin radio reported today that more than 500,000 Frenchmen, mainly metal workers, were transferred to German armament factories in 1942. The broadcast was recorded by the Associated Press.

### Nazi Sub Sunk By Brazil Planes

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—The sinking of an Axis submarine in February by the Brazilian air force was announced officially today.

Air Minister Joaquim Pedro Salgado Filho made the announcement, saying it was a British tanker en route to Bahia, Brazil, had advised a Brazilian air force base that it had been threatened by the submarine.

Brazilian aviators now are credited with sinking six Axis submarines.

### 3 More Villages Fall to Soviets Along Black Sea

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW (AP)—Three more villages have fallen to Soviet troops closing about Novorossisk and other German positions along the Black Sea coast, the Russians announced today, but elsewhere on the long front only minor activity was reported.

The advance in the Kuban valley of the Caucasus Friday night followed gains reported previously in the midnight communique. Although the direction of the advance was not immediately defined, it was believed to be in an area north of Novorossisk with the Red Army expanding its gains out of recaptured Anastavskaya, 33 miles north of the Black Sea port.

Air duels continued in the area, the Russians saying nine enemy planes were shot down and three damaged when Soviet airmen intercepted a Nazi raid.

The Russians announced they were consolidating positions northwest of Smolensk and that German counterattacks were repulsed. A company of German infantry was wiped out in one sector; at least 60 Germans were shot down as they attempted to storm through the wire about one recaptured position in another sector, and about 200 were killed in engagements south of Bely, it was said.

The struggle for mastery of the Donets River positions on an arc east of Kharkov was marked Friday night by an exchange of gunfire, with heavy losses inflicted on enemy infantry attempting to attack, the noon war bulletin said.

Russian counterattacks threw back a German force in the Sevsk area, 170 miles northwest of Kharkov, it was said.

The army newspaper, Red Star, said the thaw which had slowed the Russian advance in the Kuban valley had given the Germans time to consolidate positions and establish artillery and trench mortar concentrations in flooded areas.

### LIKE SLUSHY LAKE

The entire Russian front was said to resemble a great slushy lake. Transportation drivers worked night and day to keep the supply lines open.

A Tass dispatch said that in some sectors of the Smolensk district Red Army troops were loosing showers of hand grenades and smashing the heavy barbed wire entanglements erected by the Germans.

On the western bank of the tributary to a river east of Smolensk, Red Star said the Russians laid down an effective artillery barrage to cover their crossing, captured the opposite bank and began to expand their foothold.

The German communique broadcast today by the Berlin radio, and recorded by the Associated Press said the Russians had launched a series of strong attacks south of Lake Ladoga, but claimed German firepower and close-range fighting had beaten them down in front of the Nazi lines.

### Heavy Air Blows Dealt Bizerte; Mateur in Sight

By EDWARD KENNEDY

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, North Africa (AP)—The British 1st Army was reported today edging east and north of recaptured Sedjenane while U.S. forces on the central sector engaged in some fighting and Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery maintained pressure on the new German-Italian lines 24 miles north of Gabes.

"The Tunisian front was generally quieter Thursday, a communique announced, indicating a lull in preparation for the next round of the battle to drive Rommel's forces into the sea. "Our patrols were very active over the whole front."

Reports from the front said the Americans had launched a new attack in the area of Maknassy and made tank-supported thrusts against Axis holdings in the El Guetaria Pass region.

More than 100 miles to the north, U.S. and French patrol activity has gradually forced Axis detachments to fall back from the Ousseltia valley to the hills on the east, it was officially disclosed. The valley lies between Pichon and Pont du Fahs.

(A French communique broadcast from Algiers and recorded by the Associated Press said strong Axis resistance and difficult terrain had failed to halt French operations in the Sedjenane area and "in the central sector our units continued to advance east of Ousseltia without notable enemy opposition.")

"The personnel of an enemy post, attacked in the Oued el Kebir valley (southwest of Pont du Fahs) was entirely destroyed," the bulletin said.

A report from the 8th Army said "wrinkling out" was proceeding, which was assumed here to be Gen. Montgomery's way of saying his troops were mopping up the remaining enemy pockets of resistance north and west of Oudref, itself 12 miles north of Gabes, and consolidating for the next thrust.

United States forces of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton were again in action, but no details were available here.

(The Algiers radio reported, without official confirmation, that Patton's divisions had established a junction with the 8th Army by a push eastward from the El Guetaria sector.)

### Anderson's Army

#### Approaching Mateur

Stowed by mine fields, the British and French forces commanded by Lt. Gen. Kenneth Anderson pressed from Sedjenane, 40 miles southwest of Bizerte, toward Mateur, 18 miles south of that naval base, and made good almost the last of the losses in the fighting a month ago. (The Algiers radio said 1st Army vanguards were in the vicinity of Mateur.)

Even as the lull developed in land operations, Allied airmen pressed their destructive blows despite bad weather, and fresh details became available of the raid by 100 light and medium bombers Thursday on El Maou airfield at Sfax, the biggest single operation by the Western Desert air force since the days of El Alamein.

The whole area of the strategic field was covered with a pattern of bomb bursts and almost everything on the ground must have been destroyed or damaged, officers said.

Bombers participating were flown by R.A.F., South African and U.S. pilots, and they were escorted by fighters.

As in Wednesday's raid by almost 100 heavy bombers on southern Sardinia, all the raiders returned. Heavy anti-aircraft fire was encountered over El Maou, but no enemy planes attempted to interfere.

North African air force bombers escorted by Spitfires bombed La Fauconne airfield, 35 miles northwest of Sfax, just as five Messerschmitts were taking off. Two were stopped short and damaged by bursting explosives and two other aircraft were damaged in subsequent dogfight. Other bombers, furthering the program of demolition of Rommel's bases, blasted the airfield of El Djem, midway between Sfax and Sousse. The communique said these operations left fires burning.



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View, G 4834. \*\*\*

Women's Canadian Club, Em-  
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WASHINGTON (AP)—Brand-  
ing it inflationary and danger-  
ous, President Roosevelt vetoed  
today the Bankhead bill to in-  
crease farm prices by excluding  
benefit payments in figuring the  
farm parity price formulas.

Returning the measure un-  
signed to the Senate, Mr. Roose-  
velt said in a message:

"I am compelled to this action  
by the deep conviction that this  
measure is inflationary in char-  
acter. It breaks down the barriers  
we have erected, and which  
we must maintain in order to  
avoid all the disasters of infla-  
tion. It is wholly inconsistent  
with our stabilization program  
and, therefore, dangerous alike to  
our constructive farm policy and  
to our whole war effort."

**\$1,500,000,000 YEARLY**  
Administration opponents of  
the bill have estimated it would  
add approximately \$1,500,000,000  
to the United States' annual food  
bill.

It takes a two-third vote of  
both the House and Senate to  
override the President and make  
a vetoed bill law. The Bankhead  
measure originally passed the  
Senate by a vote of 78 to 2. The  
House showed a standing vote in  
its favor of 149 to 40.

Mr. Roosevelt contended the  
measure would go beyond the  
goal of parity income and give  
farmers "an unwarranted bonus  
at the expense of the consumer."

He said the farmer is substan-  
tially better off than in the first  
Great War, but would not re-  
main so "if we set loose an infla-  
tionary tornado."

#### UP 5 PER CENT

Mr. Roosevelt himself esti-  
mated the bill might swell the  
cost of living more than 5 per  
cent, and add more than \$1,000-  
000,000 to the consumers' food  
budget, and several hundred mil-  
lion dollars to the cost of feeding  
the armed forces and supplying  
the Allies.

It is impossible, Mr. Roosevelt  
said, to control the cost of living  
unless all its vital elements are  
stabilized. He said the time has  
come when everyone—farmers,  
workers, managers and investors—  
must realize that living stand-  
ards cannot be improved in a  
period of total war.

## Britain Rolling On Two Wheels

LONDON (CP)—If you don't  
own a bicycle in Britain nowa-  
days, then you're not keeping up  
with society.

The bicycle is one of the coun-  
try's war-winning weapons, for  
without cycles the arms industry  
might be plunged into chaos. Bi-  
cycles these days have replaced  
cars.

Generals use bicycles to in-  
spect their troops, pilots pedal to  
their bombers on every airfield.  
Industrial magnates jump on  
their cycles to get home for  
lunch, mayors bicycle to their  
offices, high civil servants travel  
to and from government depart-  
ments awheel.

In peacetime there were 12,000-  
000 bicycles in Britain. Nobody  
knows just how many there are  
on the roads now.

#### WOMEN WHEELING

Hundreds of thousands of  
women in suburbs, country towns  
and villages, cut off from shops  
and friends by the ban on motor-  
ing and curfew or disappearance  
of bus services, have turned to  
bicycles for salvation.

Shops and theatres in country  
towns find their entrances clut-  
tered up with scores of machines.  
In some places car parks have  
been converted into cycle parks.

This year the demand for bi-  
cycles is greater than ever. Tan-  
dems and tricycles are popular,  
while machines with sidecars for  
children are appearing every-  
where.

## 750 Tons of Bombs

LONDON (CP)—More than  
1,500,000 pounds of bombs were  
dropped by the 9th U.S. Air Force  
on Axis objectives during March,  
a Reuters news agency dispatch  
from Cairo said today. During  
the month United States fighters  
destroyed 10 Axis aircraft, prob-  
ably destroyed seven and dam-  
aged at least 11. Heavy bombers  
destroyed three more enemy  
planes, the dispatch said.

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## Axis Still Carries Plenty of Punch in North Africa



Despite reverses on most fronts, the Axis still packs a wallop that is not to be under-  
estimated. Here, after running the Mediterranean gauntlet of subs and bombers, this  
United Nations cargo ship, loaded with vital supplies, lies smoking in an Algerian port  
after being hit by a Nazi bomber. Photo from News of the Day newsreel. Telephoto.

## Today's WAR NEWS Analysis

By DE WITT MACKENZIE,

Associated Press War Analyst.

Last Armistice Day Britain's

colorful Prime Minister, Winston

Churchill, coined that expressive

phrase "The underbelly of the

Axis," having special reference

to Italy. Then somebody came

along and made it the "soft under-

belly of the Axis."

The expression takes on special

significance these days when we

hear so much about a possible

Allied invasion of Italy after the

campaign in Tunisia has been

concluded.

Italy is without doubt a "soft"

spot in the Axis. Many Italians

are unwilling participants in a

war to support Hitlerian barbar-

ism, which they abhor. Their

hearts aren't in the effort and

there long have been signs that

they would be glad to quit if

they could.

How much would it hurt Hitler

—for he is our No. 1 Enemy—

if the Allies overrun Italy? Well,

it wouldn't help us get at the All

Highest direct, for the Alps across

Italy's northern border form a

tough barrier.

However, Italy (with Sicily) is

the base which has enabled the

Nazi chief to make war in north-

ern Africa. And it is possession

of Italy which has made it pos-  
sible for him to block the Medi-  
terranean routes.

From Italy, too, the Axis has  
been able to operate against Jugo-  
slavia and Greece and the islands  
off the Aegean.

In short, it is through Italy  
that Hitler came mighty close to  
gaining complete control of the  
Mediterranean theatre and there  
winning the war.

Apart from these advantages,  
Mussolini had been bowing his  
neck to the yoke and sending  
great numbers of Italians into  
Germany to work in the Fuehrer's  
fields and factories. The  
Nazis also have been getting  
troops, war supplies and much  
food from their unwilling ally.

When the Allies have finished  
off the Axis in Africa they will  
have a ready-made invasion force  
ready in northern Tunisia, just  
across from Sicily, as there are  
at least 500,000 Allied troops in  
that theatre. Ships and necessary  
equipment could be brought from  
Britain.

We need an invasion of France  
to beat Hitler, but next to that  
be the knocking out of Italy would  
be a highly important victory.

## Aussies Capture Bismarck Survivors

LONDON (CP)—Reuters's news

agency, in a dispatch from an

advanced Allied base in New

Guinea, reported today that spe-  
cial Australian patrols on Good-

enough and the Trobriand Islands  
had captured hundreds of Japa-  
nese survivors from smashed  
convoy in the Bismarck Sea.

More than 100 of the Japanese  
were killed when they offered  
resistance, the dispatch said.

Goodenough Island is about 50  
miles off the southeastern tip of  
Papua and the Trobriand Islands  
are another 90 miles to the north-  
east.

(Allied airmen have smashed  
repeated Japanese attempts in  
recent months to reinforce gar-  
risons in northeastern New  
Guinea. Most notable was the  
destruction of a 22-ship convoy in  
the Bismarck Sea early in March,  
from which Allied headquarters  
estimated some 15,000 Japanese  
met death.)

## Anne Lendrum, Hope Large to Receive Pips

MONTREAL (CP)—Maj.-Gen.

T. L. Tremblay, joint associate  
director of National Selective  
Service, will present pips to the  
C.W.A.C. graduating class at a  
tattoo at Sherbrooke, Que., to-  
night. Those graduating include  
Esther Adlow and Hope Large,  
Victoria; Anne Lendrum, Barbara  
Cowan, Duncan; Maureen Steven-  
son, West Vancouver; Jeanie Mc-  
Gowan, Chapman Camp; Kath-  
leen Wright, Vancouver; Janet  
Wardlaw, North Vancouver, and  
Dorothy Clark, Agassiz.

## War Veteran Jailed For Shooting at Jap

NELSON (CP)—Daniel Ral-

ston McKenzie, Sloan City war  
veteran, was sentenced in county  
court Thursday to 15 days in jail  
and ordered to enter into a \$500  
bond to keep the peace for six  
months. Charged with shooting  
at Haruo Maeda, Japanese youth,  
with intent to do grievous bodily  
harm, he was found guilty Wed-  
nesday. The charge arose out of  
an incident Nov. 9 when Mc-  
Kenzie allegedly shot at three  
Japanese climbing a pildriver on  
the Sloan River fronting the  
defendant's home.

## R.C.A.F. Commissions

The following Vancouver

Island men have been awarded  
commissions in the R.C.A.F., it is  
announced by Western Air Com-  
mand:

Peter B. St. Louis, 721 Lamp-

son Street, Victoria; Frank W.

Hurford, Courtenay, and James

M. Potts, Alert Bay. All of them  
become pilot officers.

ern Africa. And it is possession

of Italy which has made it pos-  
sible for him to block the Medi-  
terranean routes.

From Italy, too, the Axis has  
been able to operate against Jugo-  
slavia and Greece and the islands  
off the Aegean.

In short, it is through Italy  
that Hitler came mighty close to  
gaining complete control of the  
Mediterranean theatre and there  
winning the war.

Apart from these advantages,  
Mussolini had been bowing his  
neck to the yoke and sending  
great numbers of Italians into  
Germany to work in the Fuehrer's  
fields and factories. The  
Nazis also have been getting  
troops, war supplies and much  
food from their unwilling ally.

When the Allies have finished  
off the Axis in Africa they will  
have a ready-made invasion force  
ready in northern Tunisia, just  
across from Sicily, as there are  
at least 500,000 Allied troops in  
that theatre. Ships and necessary  
equipment could be brought from  
Britain.

We need an invasion of France  
to beat Hitler, but next to that  
be the knocking out of Italy would  
be a highly important victory.

## Eden in Montreal: Plans Secret

MONTREAL (CP)—Anthony

Eden, Britain's Foreign Secre-  
tary, arrived here today follow-  
ing his address to the House of  
Commons and Senate in Ottawa  
yesterday.

His future plans were not dis-  
closed.

In a broadcast speech Thursday  
night, Mr. Eden called for the  
full co-operation of all the United  
Nations in the task of ensuring  
"a peace that can endure."

His speech, delivered over the  
CBC national network, consisted  
of excerpts from the speech he  
gave Thursday to the Canadian  
Parliament.

"Together we can win the war  
and win the peace," Mr. Eden  
said. "Nothing less should con-  
tent us."

#### CO-OPERATION.

LONDON (CP)—The Daily

Telegraph in an editorial today

discussing Foreign Secretary

Eden's visit to Ottawa said Can-  
ada's contribution to the war ef-  
fort has made Canadian policy  
"an essential factor in main-  
taining co-operation through the  
war and beyond."

The Dominion's "racial con-  
nections, traditions and economic  
ties with the United States give  
her special opportunities of pro-  
moting wide international agree-  
ment which her people and  
statesmen clearly appreciate,"  
the editorial said.

The London Times said Eden's  
consultations with Canadian  
statesmen were a "natural and  
necessary complement" to simi-  
lar consultations with United  
States leaders.

"Canada has long been recog-  
nized as the North American  
link between the United States  
and the British Commonwealth,"  
The Times added.

## Winnipeg Police Figure Passes

WINNIPEG (CP)—William

(Big Bill) Eddie, 71, former in-  
spector of the Winnipeg police  
morality squad, died in a hospital  
today.

He joined the police force in  
1908 and liked to recall his ex-  
periences in the early days when  
there was no street telephone  
system or patrol wagon.

"When you arrested a man,  
usually after a good fight, you  
had to bring him in yourself," he  
said. "If a drayman happened  
to be around you could load your  
prisoner on the dray and the  
driver was entitled to 50 cents  
from the city."

## Hog Prices Soar; Pigs Still Missing

CHICAGO (AP)—The mys-

tery of the missing pigs re-  
mained a mystery at the Chicago  
stockyards today, while hog  
prices reached peaks unequalled  
since October, 1920. The top,  
Thursday, was \$16.

A record-breaking 1942 spring  
pig crop was forecast by the U.S.  
Department of Agriculture this  
year, and buyers at the market  
have awaited an expected flood  
of porkers daily since the start  
of the year. While salable re-  
ceipts in March were moderate,  
they were wholly inadequate to  
meet the demand, and average  
drove costs were held at con-  
sistently high levels.

Total receipts last month were  
247,397 head, compared with 240-  
710 a year earlier; 252,639 in  
1941, and 239,162 in 1940. Of the  
swine shipped in, 65 per cent  
were barrows and gilts, indicat-  
ing, livestock traders said, that  
producers were holding back  
sows to increase production of  
pigs for next year.

## U.S. Science Honorary Elects City Student

Robert William Wellwood,

B.Sc., M.Sc., son of Mr. and Mrs.  
W. B. Wellwood, 1317 McNair  
Street, was one of 21 persons re-  
cently elected to membership in  
the Society of Sigma Xi, foremost  
American honorary science frater-  
nity, it was learned here today.

Mr. Wellwood, a native of Vi-  
ctoria and graduate of Boys' Cen-  
tral, Victoria High School, Victo-  
ria College and University of  
British Columbia, took his M.Sc.  
at Duke University, Durham,  
N.C., in forestry and hopes to  
receive his D.Sc. at the same  
university this summer.

His thesis on the properties of  
certain West Indies timbers  
brings to a close a long research  
which included intensive study  
of second-growth loblolly pine  
stands.

On receiving his doctorate, Mr.  
Wellwood will return to Canada  
to offer his services to the war  
as a research scientist.

## Jap Martial Law In Thailand

NEW YORK (AP)—The Bang-

kok radio in a broadcast recorded  
by the Federal Communications  
Commission indicated Thursday  
Japanese-occupied Thailand now  
is under full martial law, and that  
the military is in complete con-  
trol of the country's economic  
life.

Puppet Premier Luang Bipul-

Songphet was quoted as saying  
"unrest in the country may mean  
defeat in the war. Anyone who  
violates the military regulations  
and orders may be executed . . .  
no one will be allowed to do busi-  
ness with too large a profit."

## 11 British Planes Beat Off Big Raid By Nippon Bombers

NEW DELHI (CP)—Eleven  
British Hurricanes intercepted 30  
Japanese bombers with fighter  
escort, which attacked Feni in  
southeast Bengal Thursday, and  
in combats over a wide area de-  
stroyed five of the raiders and  
damaged several others, of which  
at least three probably did not  
regain their base, a British com-  
munique said today.

One Hurricane was shot down,  
but the pilot was seen to bail out.  
The Japanese attack caused  
some civilian property damage  
and casualties in Feni, the bul-  
letin said.

British fighters damaged Japa-  
nese aircraft on the Magwe  
airfield, set fire to enemy-occu-  
pied buildings near Pantha and  
machine-gunned supply sampans  
on the Chinwin River. Other Brit-  
ish aircraft bombed Chauk and  
Myingyan Thursday night. One  
British plane was reported miss-  
ing after these operations.

A communique from the Japa-  
nese Imperial headquarters,  
broadcast by the Tokyo radio  
and recorded by the Associated  
Press, claimed the Japanese had  
carried out a surprise attack on  
the airfield near Cox's Bazaar  
March 31 and shot down eight  
enemy planes and damaged eight  
other planes, the entire defend-  
ing force.)

## 'What Is Isolationism?' Asks Burton Wheeler

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator

Burton Wheeler (Dem., Mont.)  
told a London newspaper Thurs-  
day that "Russia and England  
will undoubtedly have the say at  
the peace table concerning how  
Europe will be divided up."

"They should have," added

Wheeler, "but I hope the people  
won't scare us every 20 years  
into believing we must send our  
money and boys over there to  
save the world from Communism  
or Fascism."

P. H. Powell, a New York re-  
presentative of the London Star,  
had asked Wheeler to write an  
article for that newspaper on the  
question, "Is Isolationism Dead?"

Wheeler wrote Powell that he  
hardly knew how to answer,  
"because I do not know what is  
meant by isolationism."

"I was opposed to our getting  
into the war, as were 85 per cent  
of the people in this country,"  
the Montanan said. "If opposing  
our entrance into the war means  
that you are an isolationist, then  
I was and am an isolationist."

"What the views of the people  
of this country will be on inter-  
national collaboration after the  
war will be depend on the atti-  
tude of England and the attitude  
of Russia. If you will tell me  
what part Russia is going to play  
and what she is going to demand  
in the way of territory and if you  
will also tell me what England  
is going to do about India, north  
Africa, the Malayan Peninsula,  
what the Dutch are going to do  
about the Dutch East Indies, then  
if you will tell me what is going  
to become of Europe after the  
war, I could give you a clearer  
idea of what my views are and  
what the views of the American  
people will be."

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cheque to be filled out by Eng-  
land and Russia at this time."

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## Raid On Sardinia Foreshadows Fate Of Axis in Africa

LONDON (AP)—The smashing 100-plane raid on Sardinia was interpreted here today as defining the possible route and probable fate of any Axis attempt to duplicate Dunkerque in a retreat from Tunisia, but unofficial observers suggested it was more likely the Nazis would fight to the death under orders from Hitler to buy more time for defence of the continent.

A decree of doom for Col. Gen. Jurgen von Arnim's hastily-gathered army and Field Marshal Rommel's corps would be dictated by these necessities:

1. An attempt to delay the Allied mopping-up of north Africa to the last minute, taking the heaviest toll in the hope of gaining time against the inevitable invasion of the continent.

2. The need to husband what is left of the Italian war fleet against invasion day, rather than risk the extreme losses that powerful Allied air and sea concentrations might inflict on covering vessels as well as any evacuation fleet.

### DEATH ORDER

Reports reaching here from Berne indicate Hitler already may have given Rommel orders to hold to the last man.

These reports indicated Rommel would be named commander-in-chief of the whole southern European coast, and would direct defences from the Italian shore to Spain.

That would be a considerable departure from Hitler's previous policy. He has shown little use for defeated generals. At Stalingrad he elevated Friedrich von Paulus to the rank of field marshal—and then left him to the fate of a Soviet prison camp.

A Reuters news agency report from Zurich said an unconfirmed assertion had come out of Italy that Rommel would have the official title of "observer and military adviser to the Italian high command" after he arrived in Italy "to reorganize Italy's defences and indirectly to assume command of the Italian anti-invasion army."

### DUCE BREAKS DOWN

The Germans have broadcast a denial of reports that Admiral Kral Doenitz is to command the Italian fleet, but the London Daily Mail reports that Mussolini's cabinet will hold an "important meeting" Sunday, presumably to ratify the choice of the German U-boat ace as the supreme Axis sea boss.

Reports from Madrid said that if Germany tried to save any of the north African force she would use French ships, and that the Axis already is preparing to put Italian crews aboard some 350 French merchantmen tied up in Mediterranean ports.

Hair brushes should be washed in cold water to which a little ammonia has been added.

## Letters to Editor

Correspondents are reminded to use one side of the paper only, to write legibly, and to keep their communications within a reasonable length. A short letter, with a point convincingly emphasized, has a better chance of publication than one with labored platitudes.

### HOSPITAL TAG DAY

Tomorrow, April 3, the Women's Auxiliary of the Jubilee Hospital will hold its annual Tag day. In this way we are able to get at the people who would like to help in the work of the Hospital and have no other way of doing so.

The demands on all hospitals are very great these days, owing to overcrowded conditions, shortage of nurses and doctors, and prevalence of so much sickness.

Now, more than ever, we need the aid of the public in the work we do to help the hospital in all its needs.

MRS. F. E. JAMESON,  
General Convener.

### SAYS MR. PAGE

I feel sure, when Mr. Toynbee reads his diminutive exhortation in the Times March 29, he will endeavor in the future to control his emotions and write letters of a constructive nature.

S. PAGE.

1127 Fort Street.

### CHLORINATION

The dictionary says "chlorinate, to treat with chlorinate for the purpose of bleaching; chloride, a salt of hydrochloric acid also sodium chloride (common salt)."

The writer has lived in Victoria for nearly 16 years and has always drunk two glasses of Victoria water first thing every morning and several more during the day and has never suffered any ill effects.

Hardening of the arteries is not caused by consuming natural fruit salts from green vegetables, fruits and nuts, but many authorities have stated the continued use over a period of years of sodium chloride (common mineral salt) does it.

C. WALKDEN,

1905 Blanshard Street,  
March 31.

### SCRATCH AS SCRATCH CAN

Another small voice would like to add its volume to the general wall about the proposed chlorination of Victoria's water.

Others have dealt with the evils it will perpetrate on the pleasures of the palate, the offence to the olfactory nerve, the deleterious effect upon garden produce and all growing things, and even upon the harmful chemical changes when used with drugs.

I should like to say a word about its effect on the skin you won't love to touch, and the resultant effect upon manners and disposition. These observations are based on actual consequences of chlorination—personal experience, and not mere imaginings of what possibly may happen.

During a recent stay of several months in Chicago, where the water supply is chlorinated, I went through successive stages of behavior, all caused by the aforementioned "purifying" of the water.

The first stage was one of wide-eyed horror at the public and unashamed scratching of any and all parts of the anatomy—enthusiastic scratching accompanied by little moans. As I'd always had a horror of skin diseases, I'd move as far away from the offender as possible, so spent the first few weeks in corners, alone.

In about a month my own fingers were busy, and when I broke down and confessed to a native that I just plain itched, I was told "Of course, you have bath-itch—everyone here has it. Just scratch, nobody thinks anything of it!"

They scratch in the elevated, scratch in the theatres, scratch in restaurants—debutantes scratch in the evening-line, and brides shift their bouquets at the altar, in order to scratch the better. Eventually it drives one silly, and it may be responsible in part for some of the crime.

Get together, Victorians—work in unison on this matter and protest while you may, or we'll all be scratching in unison.

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## Alberta Beet Growers Call for More Labor

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. (CP)—

Southern Alberta sugar beet growers who last year produced more than 54 per cent of Canada's total of 190,000,000 pounds of beet sugar, today awaited federal aid in providing vitally needed workers for the beet fields of this region to avert a serious curtailment in beet sugar production.

Requests for governmental action were made Wednesday night by officials of the province's beet sugar industry after they had heard a report that only another dozen Japanese families may come voluntarily to Alberta

beet fields this spring from British Columbia.

Preliminary surveys of the labor situation indicated that about 450 additional families would be required to grow the 30,000 acres of sugar beets which Alberta farmers agreed to raise this year.

Sugar beet farmers fear that unless sufficient labor is made available for the beet growing and harvesting season, the acreage may be reduced between 8,000 to 10,000 acres, thus seriously affecting production of home-grown sugar.

In Ottawa Selective Service Director Arthur MacNamara said his department was finding it difficult to induce Japanese workers to leave the Pacific coast to take employment in the sugar beet fields of southern Alberta. He suggested the growers undertake to guarantee a stated monthly wage to single Japanese. Southern Ontario growers recently asked for help in harvesting their sugar beet crops, but there again difficulty was being encountered in obtaining the consent of the Japanese to make the trip east.

"However," Mr. MacNamara added, "we hope to break down that feeling in time."

### 'Last-Ditch Axis Fight'

NEW YORK (AP)—Rear-Admiral Harold C. Train, chief of U.S. naval intelligence, said the Axis is gearing for a "desperate last-ditch fight" and has its spies in the U.S. "combining the restaurants, bars and shipping centres for every stray bit of information that might fit into the Nazi or Japanese espionage pattern." In a broadcast address, Admiral Train said he had definite information that Axis spies "are still operating in this country."

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## Isley Rejects Demands for More Old Age Pensions

OTTAWA (CP)—Finance Minister Isley said in the House of Commons Thursday night that a choice had to be made between a complete war effort and yielding to "terrific pressure" for increased federal disbursements to the civilian consumers that would add heavily to consumption of goods and services.

"I have always considered that it was the first duty of this government to win the war," he said.

The minister's comment was prompted by demands made by several members for increases in old age pensions.

He said he was not thinking only of old age pensions when he made that comment and he did not think the aged should be asked to assume the heavy burdens placed on the people generally.

"But I think the governments which have provincial jurisdiction should come forward and do their duty. Some of them are doing it and I think perhaps before long all of them will do it."

He said the situation was considerably changed from the time, in 1926, when the federal government had agreed to pay half the old age pensions and when, during the Bennett government's regime, the contribution had been increased to 75 per cent.

### FACE BIG DEFICITS

Now the federal government was in the midst of a great war and facing heavy deficits—possibly a \$3,000,000,000 deficit in the current fiscal year.

At the same time the provinces were having heavy surpluses. Old age pensions were primarily a provincial responsibility and they could, if they would, make the necessary increase to offset higher cost of living.

Last year, Mr. Isley said, he had announced that if a substantial number of all of the provinces expressed a desire to have old age pensions increased, the federal government would consider it.

Not all nor even a substantial number of the provinces had made such representations, he said. If they did they would be given consideration, but he could not say at once whether the consideration would be favorable.

Mr. Isley pictured the situation if, yielding to "terrific pressure" for greater payments from

the federal treasury for civilian purposes, another \$500,000,000 were added to the \$3,500,000,000 proposed to be spent this fiscal year.

"That amount of goods and services would be withdrawn from the war effort and to that extent would lessen the amount of goods and services we could devote to the war," he declared.

Angus MacInnis, C.C.F., Vancouver East, said every member of Parliament should "blush with shame" when aged people were being asked to live on a maximum old age pension of \$20 a month.

### McGEER LAUDS ISLEY

G. G. McGeer, Lib., Vancouver Burrard, said he saw in the administration of Finance Minister Isley a "cautious but sure" move toward monetary reforms which would relieve Canada from economic slavery.

Speaking during consideration in committee of the supplement-

ary estimates for the last fiscal year, Mr. McGeer paid a high tribute to Mr. Isley.

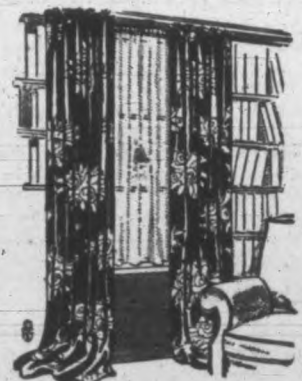
"I don't think Canada in wartime or in peacetime has ever had a finance minister more devoted to his responsibilities, more industrious in his efforts, or who, as an orthodox finance minister, has shown more ability to perform the tasks with which he is confronted."

Clarence Gillis, C.C.F., Cape Breton South, N.S., charged the cost-of-living bonus was being used by Montreal aircraft firms for "propaganda purposes."

His remarks brought a protest from Labor Minister Mitchell, who said they might be good enough "for the soapbox," but did not "go" in the House.

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## The First Real Test

ALTHOUGH IT WAS GENERALLY REGARDED as a foregone conclusion that the Soviet Union would accept the invitation of the United States to send representatives to a United Nations conference on postwar food questions—plans for which were announced in Washington several weeks ago—the formal acceptance made public in Moscow today is yet another indication that the anti-Axis coalition intends to waste no further time in dealing with basic business affecting both the war and the peace. No fewer than 38 governments are invited to send their technical experts to the gathering in question. While it is understood that deliberations will be limited to strictly executive sessions, the agenda will give special place to food production and distribution, nutrition, and commercial and financial arrangements for the entire program. The date set for the conference is April 27 and at a point yet to be designated. When the President announced his proposal toward the end of February he favored what he termed "some calm atmosphere"—which precluded Washington—implying that participants in the discussions would desire full scope to demonstrate their sincerity of purpose. This first meeting of its kind should be far removed from the influence and irritations of pressure groups.

Apart from the importance of this initial attempt to deal with one of the war's and postwar period's most vital problems on a thoroughly United Nations scale—which in itself is a happy augury for future improvements in relationships between the Allies—the conference which Mr. Roosevelt has called may give effect to one of the resolutions adopted by a meeting of the representatives of the Allied governments at St. James's Palace in London on Sept. 24, 1941, three months after Hitler sent his legions into Russia, and less than that time before Pearl Harbor. Clause 1 of that resolution reads: "That it is the common aim of the Allies to secure that supplies of food, raw materials, and articles of prime necessity should be made available for the postwar needs of the countries liberated from Nazi oppression." The main principles of the decisions reached at that date were based on complete co-operation and collaboration between the nations then fighting the Axis; but without any conception, of course, of what condition would confront Russia when time for concrete action arrived. The re-provisioning of Europe after the war will naturally require the most efficient employment of the shipping resources controlled by the United Nations, as well as those belonging to such other countries as have escaped the conflict, while the forthcoming conference will be concerned with the production of the food for the ships to carry.

Because it is a subject least likely to provoke serious difference in political or other opinion it is well that food is to be the main topic for this initial gathering of nations Mr. Roosevelt has called. We plead guilty to no flippant attitude of mind in referring to it as a guinea pig experiment in United Nations co-operation and collaboration in a vital humanitarian and economic aspect of their common aim. Nor would it be out of place to suggest, moreover, that food may well become an important instrument of political policy. That is to say, nations which have suffered grievously under Axis domination will find it difficult to readjust their thinking when once the yoke of oppression has been removed from their necks. To know in advance, as it should be possible to let them know, that the victors have prepared against the continuance of hunger should have the effect of dampening the ardor of those spirits who, in their newly-found freedom, might give vent to ebullient feelings inimical to their own welfare.

## What Is The Delay?

NEARLY SIX WEEKS AGO A LARGE delegation of farmers from all parts of the province waited upon the provincial government with an emphatic request for the immediate formation of a Women's Land Army. As is customary in such cases, of course, sympathetic consideration to the plea was promised. So far as the general public knows, likewise the farmers who are crying out louder than ever for more help, the idea shows no visible signs of realization beyond Dr. MacDonald's announcement of the appointment of an official head.

"The land army is too late now to help with the planting," Reeve Joseph T. Brown of Surrey said on Tuesday, "and the women will have to be trained in advance if they are going to be of any measurable help in the harvesting." How serious is the food situation in the Fraser Valley, for example, is disclosed in the result of a tour of investigation by a special committee of the Vancouver City Council. This body found that the majority of the farms in the richly-productive lands of Ladu Island, the Delta and Surrey are being cultivated and early potato crops already are planted. But there, as every-

where else, harvesting of all types of crops will wait on an adequate supply of labor.

Surely the provincial Department of Agriculture, and particularly the minister himself, must realize that the general food situation will rapidly deteriorate unless appropriate and aggressive action is taken at once. This is not a problem which can be mulled over at leisure; no intricate surveys of this or that condition are necessary; British Columbia is faced by the stark fact that unless practical and immediate organization of farm help is begun—such as a Women's Land Army would permit—the scarcity of essential vegetables will not be a temporary inconvenience; it will mean real hardship and a blow to the health of our people.

It is this year that the toilers on the land and the public are worrying about—not 1944 or 1945. By the same token, however, if the steps advocated by the farmers when they waited on the government last February are taken now, at least some relief for the rural industries will be forthcoming in the harvesting period of 1943, while help for the succeeding years will have been provided for on an organized basis. It is the duty of the minister responsible to put speed into any organization plans he may have.

## How Wealth Is Drafted

CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION HAS DEVELOPED in the United States to the manpower draft because the conviction persists in some quarters that there is no complementary conception of wealth. A study of the 1942 earnings reports of leading corporations, however, reveals that wealth definitely has been drafted, and to help to measure the effectiveness of the operation the Magazine of Wall Street has analyzed the statements of 710 manufacturing concerns. These show that dollar volume of gross business has risen 71 per cent above the 1928-29 depression peak. But on that vastly expanded volume, those corporations last year earned 47 per cent smaller net profits after taxes. That is to say, wealth invested in manufacturing has to produce more than three times as much, to earn a dollar of net profit, as it did in 1928-29. National Industrial Conference Board studies for the first nine months of 1942, moreover, show that taxes contributed substantially to this decline in corporate earnings.

The net income of 205 industries, before taxes, increased \$170,000,000 during the first three-fourths of last year, but their net after taxes decreased \$286,000,000. Taxes constitute a major weapon in the drafting of wealth. But they do not carry the entire burden. Arthur Krock of the New York Times, summarizing an off-the-record talk by Herbert Bayard Swope, special consultant to the Secretary of War, enumerates 13 controls which government exercises over wealth. The administration can force manufacturers to make what it wants; can seize their plants; can fix prices and then renegotiate to reduce them further; can absorb excess profits by taxation; can fix every element entering into labor costs; can give, withhold and otherwise control materials, transportation facilities, manpower, and to some extent capital. There is no complaint about this conscription as a war measure. It is taken for granted, as is the drafting of men to do the actual fighting. Everybody and everything are conscripted, in modern war, except labor. Can that escape permanently?

## Bombing and Morale

SIR CEDRIC HARDWICKE, BRITISH MOVIE star, and well-known to Victorians for his part in "Commandos Strike at Dawn," has an interesting theory why Anglo-American bombing of Germany is more effective than was the Nazi blitz against England. In their deepest distress the British people always felt that they were not alone in the world—that the United States was ready and able to help, that most of the population of the world was sympathetic. The Germans have no such comfort. There is nobody to help them willingly. Nobody loves them. Even their allies would gladly pick their bones if they had opportunity. When things are going best, the Germans still are sitting on an angry volcano. It must be hard on morale to be bombed with block busters under such circumstances.

## Hospital Tag Day

WARTIME DEMANDS ARE CONTRIBUTING immeasurably to the difficulties confronting civilian hospitals in these days of high costs and scarcity of competent help. And when the situation is aggravated by the pressure of space, owing in no small measure to the influx of new population, the problem becomes acute. It is because of this serious state of affairs that the Women's Auxiliary to the Royal Jubilee Hospital hopes for an even more generous response than usual to its annual Tag Day tomorrow. This praiseworthy and indefatigable organization down through the years has accepted the responsibility for supplying extra equipment, much-needed linen and other furnishings, and all those additional comforts that mean so much to the sick and suffering. We feel confident that this little band of unflinching workers will find their optimistic hopes justified when the receipts of this appeal are counted tomorrow evening.

There seems to be two sides to the game going on in the Cowichan Valley. We know of the complaints of growers who have had their newly-planted seeds or garden stuff cleaned out overnight by pheasants and deer. "On the other hand," says the Leader editorially, "a large farmer seemed not to be worried about the depredations of game when asked about it last week. Judicious shooting kept them within bounds, and he felt that the pheasants did some good."

## Bruce Hutchison

### CURIOUS STORY

THE AUTHORITIES OF THE Jubilee Hospital are feeling pretty disgusted these days. Perhaps you have heard the grim story of stupidity which annoys them; but even so it should be worth while to recall the details, just as a horrid example of red tape and the usual bungling which occurs when governments try to run everything from the top.

When the fighting forces settled down on Vancouver Island in substantial numbers the Jubilee Hospital offered to provide a modern hospital of 250 beds for them, at a cost of \$250,000. This would have provided a new wing at the Jubilee and it could use all the basic facilities of the hospital—the heating system, laboratories, operating rooms and so on. And it would have assured the fighting men of the most modern and complete hospital accommodation, all service being provided at cost.

The federal government eagerly accepted this idea and then something went wrong. The red tape boys got busy and killed the plan. The red tape boys were busy elsewhere also. They did the same thing in Winnipeg, where the Free Press and an embattled citizenry are making a row which has shocked the government a thousand miles away. Instead of adding to existing hospitals, the government is building its own military hospitals at enormous cost. For example, a new hospital of 250 beds, as proposed at the Jubilee would cost about \$450,000 as against the \$250,000 which a new wing at the existing hospital would cost. But a saving of \$200,000 is nothing in the life of the red tape boys.

### INTERESTING RESULT

THE JUBILEE EXPERTS, of course, have no figures on the cost of the plan finally adopted in Victoria, and only Parliament can get them, which it should do without delay. But competent experts tell me that they think at least \$1,000,000 has been spent on military hospitals in this district and they have not yet provided the facilities which could have been secured for \$250,000 at the Jubilee. And, of course, when the war is over the military hospitals will be idle, whereas a new wing at the Jubilee will be badly needed for civilian use.

There is another human reason why the Jubilee wing should have been built. At present when a man is invalided out of the army and is going to be ill for some months he is sent to Shaughnessy Hospital, in Vancouver. He is separated from his family which, if it is poor, as it is likely to be on a soldier's pay or pension, may not see him for months or years. This outrageous arrangement could have been changed if a military wing had been built at the Jubilee. The resources of fertility in the official mind, however, have not yet been exhausted. Some time ago the government wanted an isolation hospital for infectious cases. The Jubilee offered its isolation hospital which could be put into excellent condition, the experts said, for \$8,000. The defence authorities countered with the suggestion that a \$60,000 building be erected. But in the end nothing at all was done and infectious cases had to be placed in most unsatisfactory quarters at the Jubilee. It is no wonder the hospital authorities are looking very old and tired these days.

### FAR AWAY

AS ONE OF THE most important of them said: "Really, we are too stupid to win the war. We don't deserve to." Actually, of course, the management of the national war program in general has been far better than anyone had dared to hope and the Jubilee business is only a small matter, involving a few hundreds of thousands of dollars and the comfort of a relatively small number of people. But it is such items which undermine public confidence and make taxpayers suppose that a large part of their money is being wasted.

The government at Ottawa, obsessed with much larger matters and harassed daily in Parliament, probably has never heard of the Jubilee Hospital and doesn't know what we are talking about. So it will always be with central governments, thousands of miles away, which try to run everything, even local hospitals.

In wartime such centralization is unavoidable, but we ought to observe it carefully and see that it ends with the war. This country is simply too big, sprawling, diverse and ornery to be run from Ottawa. All local business should be kept at home where the people can keep an eye on it. When it is done in Ottawa all sorts of things happen without public knowledge and Parliament has no time to study them.

Why, the public accounts committee of Parliament, which is supposed to check over every dollar spent in the previous year, has not met for 10 years. The opposition has simply failed in its duty. The collapse of the Conservative Party (from which it is recovering now) has been a disaster in our parliamentary system. An opposition doing its job would study such matters as the Jubilee, for an opposition has plenty of time, while a government has none. Besides which, governments are not in the habit of studying their own mistakes in public.

### 'LIBERTIES' ARE CHEAPER

From Washington News  
One of the biggest gains in the increased efficiency in shipyards through use of sub-assembly and production-line methods has been in the decreased cost of ships themselves, despite higher costs of labor and materials and better design of the ships. Steel cargo vessels at the beginning of the defence effort were costing around \$205 a ton to build. Today, that figure is down to \$132 a ton and, as \$10 of that is armament, the net cost is around \$122. Maritime Commission now believes this cost will be reduced to \$160 a ton.

## The Navy Sits

Lady Frances C. Kingsmill, widow of Admiral Kingsmill of the Canadian Navy, writes from her Ottawa home with reference to the picture "In Which We Serve," now showing in Victoria. "In one scene officers are shown dining in their mess, and, as is their custom at the end of dinner, they drink a toast to the King sitting down."

"I overheard two men in uniform (not naval) say: 'Fancy the Navy not standing up for the King.' So I turned around and told them that the Navy, alone of the services, always drink 'the King' sitting down."

"This is a very old custom dating back to the old wooden ships when ceiling and beams were so low they could not stand upright—so they were allowed to toast their monarch sitting down. When

strangers remarked on this custom, naval men were wont to say 'their loyalty was taken for granted, therefore they did not need to stand.' Rude people would often ascribe baser reasons—but historically the ancient custom has the origin I have quoted."

### FOR THIS ISLAND

From West Coast Advocate

The move now being undertaken to build a huge hydro-electric plant should be given every encouragement by the province of B.C. We have ample water-power for such developments, and it would not necessarily have to be for lighting purposes. Industry would follow immediately on release of cheap electrical power, and then B.C. would be in a position to provide competition with eastern manufacturers and this in turn would bring the prices for goods in the west more on a par with those of the east. Vancouver Island should boost for this big hydro-electric plant

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## Europeans Back On Old Jobs In Malaya

Harry Knight, engineer, who lived in Malaya 16 years prior to the Jap invasion, according to word from London, has just told the Daily Telegraph that from the time of the occupation until his escape he twice traveled nearly the whole length of the peninsula on foot. Thanks to Malay and Tamil servants he was frequently in communication with interned British prisoners.

"The only European prisoners who are confined in internment camps are military and police, with a few recalcitrant civilians," the newspaper report says.

"The great majority of European civilians resident in Malaya and all government servants, have returned to their old jobs. So long as they give the appearance of working normally there is no intimidation and little restriction on their liberties."

"No objection is made to old planters and miners wandering about the country provided they keep away from military, industrial and railway centres, but woe betide the European who is found near the coast."

"The whereabouts of the European women are not known. The 600 or 700 women and children who were caught in Johore Bahru before the fall of Singapore were sent up to the Cameron Highlands, largest hill-station in Malaya, 6,000 feet above sea level, and it is probable those captured in Singapore have joined them there."

The letter received by a regional next-of-kin association and published in the Malay Association magazine, says:

"Although the Island of Singapore is, of course, under Jap control, it is still policed by the British, and the Jap commander, a Christian, is behaving very well indeed."

"Life in the island is extraordinarily normal, even to the playing of tennis, and the Europeans are in no way confined, but are, of course, prisoners as far as leaving the island is concerned."

"I have proof that they are being well fed and well treated. They are getting sports, can use banks and shops which are open normally. All volunteers come under the heading of civilians, and therefore are not treated as military and are much freer."

## City Land Department Shows Revenue Gains

Gains in every department were recorded in a statement from the city land office today, released with the approval of Ald. T. W. Hawkins, city lands committee chairman.

Cash receipts for the quarter ending Wednesday amounted to \$29,331 against \$27,425 for the similar period in 1942. Receipts for March alone were \$14,606 against \$11,124 for the similar month last year.

During last month 31 sales were put through for \$6,960, raising the total for the quarter to 56 sales worth \$12,850. Those figures compared favorably with the 1942 totals, when 12 properties were sold in March for \$3,895, swelling the quarterly total to 31 parcels which brought in \$10,485.

## Plan Trade Training For Young Soldiers

Trade training classes for 17-year-old youths will be started by the army about April 15, the Pacific command has announced. First classes will be for machinists and motor vehicle fitters and will take 10 months. Capt. W. G. Black will direct the new policy.

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## Navy Inaugurates Well Baby Clinics For Naval Families

AN EASTERN CANADIAN PORT—The Royal Canadian Navy today announced a medical service primarily for children of naval personnel, but designed to protect the health and living conditions of families of naval officers and ratings in this war-torn city.  
 Known as the R.C.N. "Well Baby Health Service," and formed to "supervise the growth and development—physical, mental, emotional and social—of infants and children" of the R.C.N.'s fighting men, officials said it was more evidence "of the responsibility felt by the Canadian Navy for the welfare of its enlisted personnel and their families, and serves as a pattern and a challenge" for other overcrowded cities in the Dominion.  
 It is the first service of its kind to be offered by any of the armed services, for normally medical requirements of families are not recognized. One other rare exception to this rule was Malta, where service doctors cared for civilian dependents of service personnel.

The clinic is the brain-child of Surg. Captain D. W. Johnstone, R.C.N.V.R., staff medical officer, Atlantic coast, and was organized by Surg. Lt.-Cmdr. H. L. Baal, R.C.N.V.R., and Surg. Lt. Alan Ross, both well-known baby specialists, formerly of McGill University, Montreal.

Nursing Sister Elaine Ambrey, a specialist in public health and children's diseases, and a graduate of the University of Toronto, is in charge of the clinic. She was formerly attached to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto.

Formed with the co-operation of the Dalhousie Health Clinic and the city's branch of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia, officials say the service will not only "contribute toward good morale in the service" but will reduce "incidence of contagious disease in a portion of the civilian population in close contact with naval personnel."

With a population nearly doubled since the war began, the service was organized to prevent infectious diseases from spreading through the community by educating the mothers in the application of modern health and preventive medicine, thus taking in its scope both children and parents.

"In the new clinic each child will receive careful physical examination, nutrition supervision and administration of accessory food factors," officials said. "The clearing up of general paediatric (baby) problems and the prevention of immunizable infectious diseases will prove a great boon."

"The plan will no doubt find a place in postwar reconstruction," they added.

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President of the newly-formed Victoria branch of the Canadian Home Economics Association, organized by Miss Francis McKay, nutrition expert, when she recently visited Victoria. Committees have been formed to further the interest of nutrition and textiles, headed by Miss B. Lawson and Miss B. Ramsay, respectively. The nutrition committee will endeavor to obtain recipes using Canada approved flour, while the textile committee will study the question of making materials last longer in wartime. Charter members include Dr. Olga Jardine, Miss Alice Ravenhill, Miss J. J. L. McLenaghan and Miss Mary Baldwin, nutritionist for British Columbia. The club is open to home economic graduates from any recognized school and Mrs. E. Majlek, 636 Newport Avenue, is the secretary.

## Personals

Mrs. T. Bateman, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, is spending a few days' holiday with Mr. and Mrs. H. Smallshaw, Royal Oak.

Miss Nora Jane Harrison will arrive from Vancouver Saturday to spend about a week with Mrs. James A. Macdonell, Linden Avenue.

Mrs. Ada Gardom, who is staying with her sister, Mrs. M. Colinson, 403 Milton St., Nanaimo, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Denis Davis, 445 Walter St., Victoria, for a few weeks.

Mrs. A. V. Richardson and her small daughter, Gail, have returned to their home in Duncan after visiting Mrs. Richardson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Merrett, Richmond Road.

Mrs. Clive Benson of Montreal, who has been sojourning at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, is again the house guest in Vancouver of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Brown prior to leaving at the beginning of the week for the east.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Williams, 419 John Street, entertained Monday evening, when cards were played. Their guests included Mr. and Mrs. J. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. McCall and Cpl. H. Hautman, R.A.F. Cpl. Hautman left Thursday afternoon for Vancouver.

Mrs. J. S. Chisholm Fraser, who has been residing at "Rocabella" for the last year, has left for Vancouver where she will make her home with her daughter, Miss Frances Fraser, who is attached to the staff of Western Air Command.

Mrs. E. W. Finch-Noyes left Thursday afternoon for Vancouver to spend the week-end with her husband, Lieut.-Cmdr. Finch-Noyes, who is stationed on the mainland. She will return Monday to her home on Carberry Gardens.

Mrs. John Baxter, president of the Y.W.C.A., will entertain at dinner this evening in honor of Miss Dorothy Jackson and Miss Zerada Slack, who arrived from Toronto this afternoon. Monday afternoon Dr. Olga Jardine will be a hostess at the tea hour at her home on Despard Avenue in honor of the eastern visitors, when her other guests will include members of the Y.W.C.A. board.

Mrs. Roger Pratt Clark, wife of Major R. P. Clark, of the U.S. forces, entertained at an informal little luncheon at the Empress Hotel Friday. Her guests included Mrs. Reed Paige Clark, Princess Chikhmatoff, Mrs. J. Sutherland Brown, Mrs. W. Morton Paterson and Mrs. Russell Kerr. The retiring U.S. Consul, Mr. Reed Paige Clark, with Mrs. Clark and their son vacated their former home, "Rifflington," The Uplands, today and will be guests at the Empress Hotel till Monday, when they leave for Vancouver.

**LANGFORD**  
 A card party including cribbage will be held at the home of Miss Savory's, Island Highway, Saturday at 8, under the auspices of the Langford Women's Institute.

The knitting meeting of the Navy League Chapter I.O.D.E. will be held Wednesday at 2:30 at the home of Mrs. Evan Hanbury, 2743 Graham Street.

## V.A.D.'s in Military Hospitals to Get Higher Pay

TORONTO — New regulations governing V.A.D.'s in military hospitals have been issued by order-in-council from the Department of National Defence, Dr. F. J. Routley, national commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross, stated here today. There is an increase from \$10 to \$20 in the personal allowance, and \$5 to \$10 in the laundry allowance. V.A.D.'s living out of hospital will receive officer subsistence allowance of \$175 per day—amounting approximately to \$51 per month. All members must be medically fit and have no dependent children.

"V.A.D.'s have no rank," Dr. Routley said, "but each is treated as in the officer class. Each serves three months' probation, and if accepted is then attested and becomes a member of the R.C.A.M.C. Two Red Cross V.A.D.'s are now ready for their attestation in this province."

Dr. Routley pointed out that with the world shortage of nurses, as hostilities increase, the strain is being felt on all medical and hospital staffs. To overcome this, since war began, the Red Cross has been training young women in home nursing, first aid and hospital work. Many of these have become members of the nursing auxiliary section of the Red Cross Corps. The training course has been planned by the Canadian Nursing Association, in conjunction with the Canadian Hospital Council, at the request of the Red Cross.

"Members of the Nursing Auxiliary are not seconded to the R.C.A.M.C., unless they have completed their courses of hospital training," Dr. Routley said. "In doing this work the Canadian Red Cross is filling one of its primary functions—to furnish volunteer aid to the sick and wounded in time of war, and in time of war and peace to carry on and assist in work for the improvement of health, prevention of disease and mitigation of suffering throughout the world."

V.A.D.'s are drawn from the nursing auxiliary section of the Canadian Red Cross Corps and the nursing division of the St. John Ambulance.

The Department of National Defence has expressed satisfaction with the members already seconded to the R.C.A.M.C., and it is hoped that the employment of these well-trained young women will relieve to some extent the shortage of trained nurses in civilian hospitals," Dr. Routley said.

Sir James and Lady Douglas Chapter, I.O.D.E., met Thursday when Mrs. A. S. Christie was appointed delegate to the provincial meeting in Vancouver, April 14, 15 and 16. Mrs. D. J. Muford will attend as standard-bearer. A tea will be held May 4. Fifteen dollars in prizes will be offered by the chapter for victory gardens. Several letters of appreciation regarding the Centenary luncheon were read and thanks were extended to Mrs. J. F. Williams and Mrs. Bertha Parsons for their work in connection with the luncheon. Cards will be sent by members to enlist help for the "Blind Date Sale," May 1, to assist war work. Mrs. F. Dodsworth was appointed child welfare convener, and Mrs. J. F. Williams,

## Patriotic to Keep Fit, Says Y.W.C.A. Visiting Expert

"Canadian girls and women need to be educated to the necessity of keeping fit and to realize that it is their patriotic duty to improve their health," according to Miss Zerada Slack, newly-appointed director of the Health Education Division, National Council, Y.W.C.A., who arrived in Victoria this afternoon from the east.

"Women have not, as yet, realized that a physically fit body is essential to good work. Time taken out for regular daily exercise is not time wasted, but means that more work and better work can be accomplished with less fatigue," Miss Slack stated.

### TO HOLD COURSE

She is accompanied by Miss Dorothy Jackson, B.S., M.A., assistant professor of physical education, University of Toronto, and former member of the staff of the Margaret Eaton School. Both are experts in their field of work and are here to conduct a refresher course for leaders of recreation and teachers of physical education, which will open tomorrow afternoon and continue on Monday and Tuesday evenings. The sessions will be held in the Victoria High School gymnasium.

Over 50 teachers and leaders have already entered for the course, which includes: (Saturday, 2:30, rhymes and rhythms; 3, team games; 4, folk dancing; Monday, 7 p.m., limbering and relaxing exercises; 8, counter-acting fatigue; 9, recreational dancing; Tuesday, 7 p.m., limbering and relaxing exercises; 8, social games; 9, recreational dancing.

### INDUSTRIAL INTEREST

At the request of numerous industries in Canada, the Y.W.C.A. is undertaking to set up recreation programs for girl employees. Centres have already been established in Cornwall and Wallaceburg, where girls may engage in social and square dancing, various forms of recreation and special exercises designed to keep them fit for their jobs. Representatives from the larger industrial firms in Victoria where girls are employed will attend Miss Slack's course here in the role of observers.

The greatest handicap to this new movement, according to Miss Slack, is the lack of expertly-trained leaders. Many of the Y.W.C.A. health education secretaries already have entered very large munition plants to work with girl employees, and some have entered the armed services.

Convinced that this is the beginning of a keep fit movement that will continue long after the war, Miss Slack made a tour of the Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario before coming west, visiting all Y.W.C.A. branches to insure that full co-operation will be given wherever industry asks for assistance in this vital problem.

### LEADERS NEEDED

Miss Slack stated that physical education graduates who are married, but have husbands overseas or away from home, could render a real wartime service by offering to work for the duration of the war. "Because many of the problems we face are new, our programs must be based on the desire and need of the girls and women we serve. For that reason we must have thoroughly trained leadership," the director pointed out.

Tuesday afternoon Miss Slack will meet the girls' program committee, and the Travellers' Aid and personal counselling committee of the "Y" for a discussion on recreational needs and facilities.

## Showers

Mrs. G. Dunlop and Mrs. E. Morgan entertained Thursday evening at the home of the latter, Darwin Road, with a kitchen shower to honor Miss Sheila Akenhead, whose marriage to Mr. Noel Morgan will take place April 17. A mauve and yellow color scheme was used in decorations, and a mauve and yellow bow trimmed the clothes basket which contained the gifts. The bride-to-be received a corsage bouquet of roses and carnations, while her mother, Mrs. W. E. Akenhead, was presented with one of carnations. Buffet supper was served from a table centred with daffodils. Other guests were Messrs. H. E. Savage, D. Ewing, R. Holland, W. O'Connor, J. Hayward, J. Yarker and Misses Blanche Rumble and Jean Scott, and Mrs. J. B. Morgan.

Stagette Club met at the home of the president, Betty McCracken, "Cotton Frolic" dance will be held June 3. Details were discussed concerning the "Penny Parade," to be held during May. Next meeting will be Monday, at the home of Denise Thompson, 118 Government Street.

war convener, reported articles to the value of \$18.70 turned in.

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## Spring Musicales Here Tonight

The following is the program convened by Mrs. T. H. Johns, which will be presented by the Zeta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi at their spring musicale at Victoria Truth Centre, 734 Fort Street, tonight:

Piano duet—Symphony in F (pastoral) first movement (Beethoven) Mrs. C. S. Beals and Mrs. G. A. McCurdy. Aria—"One Fine Day (Madame Butterfly) (Puccini), Mrs. W. S. Moore. Duet—"Every Flower" (Madame Butterfly), Mrs. Moore and Mrs. T. H. Johns. Piano—"Bogey Beasts" (Holbrook and Sine), Mrs. McCurdy. Vocal—"The Pilgrim's Song" (Tschalkowsky), "The King Goes Forth" (Koenenman), Dr. T. H. Johns. Violin—Sonata Op. 13 Adagio Cantabile (Beethoven), Hungarian Dance No. 7 (Brahms), Barcarolle (Tschalkowsky), Miss Patricia Straughan, Aria—"Pace, Pace Midio" (La Furza Del Destino) (Verdi), Mrs. Johns. Piano—Concert Etude in D (Liszt), Mrs. Beals. Duet—"Tutte Le Feste" (Rigoletto) (Verdi), Dr. and Mrs. Johns. Trio—"Three Little Maids (Mikado) (Gilbert-Sullivan), Mrs. Johns, Mrs. McCurdy, Mrs. Moore. Quartette—"So Please You Sir" (Mikado), Mesdames Johns, McCurdy, Moore and Dr. Johns.

Came Rebekah Lodge held a tea at Mount Joy, Pemberton Road, recently in order to raise funds to help the war effort. Mrs. Lottie Smyth, noble grand, and Miss Florence Cosman, vice-grand, welcomed the many guests. The large reception rooms were ideal for an occasion of this kind. Mrs. Ena McCabe and Mrs. Mary Mould were at the tea urns. A lace cloth centred by a large silver bowl of daffodils and green tapers in silver candelabra lent beauty to the tea table. The tea was under the capable supervision of Miss F. Porter and serving were: Miss Hurst, Mesdames Coombe, Williams, Joyce, Dobble, while Madame Rathbone, Madame Lucille and Alaham entertained with cards and cup reading. Miss B. Johnson was in charge of door tickets and Mrs. Williams was in charge of the grocery tickets.

**Dance Nets \$468**  
 Net proceeds from the recent ball at the Empress Hotel, sponsored by Victoria Chapter Registered Nurses' Association of British Columbia, amounted to \$468. Of this sum 75 per cent will be forwarded to the British Nurses' Relief Fund.

## St. Margaret's Girls Demonstrate Drill

Students of St. Margaret's School, under the direction of Miss Bette Marshall, gave their annual physical education demonstration Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in the presence of many parents and friends.

Introducing the performance, the girls made a dramatic and colorful entrance as they marched into the gymnasium forming seven rays, headed by the tiny tots and followed by the older girls, the prefects and house captains carrying the Union Jack, the Canadian and American flags and the school pennants. When all the students were in their places on the floor they joined in singing their alma mater song.

The individual and ensemble work was of a very high standard, with excellent timing and coordination.

The program concluded with an original and highly effective arrangement of all the students in the form of the St. Andrew and St. George crosses. Paper streamers in red, white and blue were unrolled over the kneeling figures of the girls.

Coffee was served in the dining-room of the school residence with Miss Pearce, the principal, as hostess. Corsage bouquets of carnations were presented by the girls to Miss H. M. Pearce, Miss Marshall and Miss D. Olivier.

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### Report On Accidents

VANCOUVER (CP)—A total of 5,074 workmen lost their lives in industrial accidents in British Columbia in the 25-year period from Jan. 1, 1917, to Dec. 31, 1942, said a report presented to a meeting of the Workmen's Compensation Board here. Dur-

ing the same period 16,408 persons suffered injuries which left them disabled partially or totally. The report said less than 10 per cent of industrial accidents are caused by improper guarding and faulty equipment and said the solution for the remaining 90 per cent was education or development of safety-consciousness.

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## Meeting of Citizens Protests Chlorination

Opinions of public health and engineering officers notwithstanding, a meeting of 150 citizens convened in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium Thursday by W. E. G. Crisford, protested the installation of chlorination machinery in Greater Victoria, and at the end of 2½ hours passed a resolution authorizing Mr. Crisford to convene a committee of citizens to draft a resolution embodying their protest for forwarding to the proper authorities.

Dr. D. Berman, acting City Health Officer had the last word. Although he had addressed the meeting earlier, saying he preferred sandfiltration to chlorination as a means of purifying water, the doctor interjected into the discussion on the resolution the fact that it would take at least three days to determine if the city's water had been contaminated in any emergency such as enemy action, and in that time most of the indignant citizenry now present might be dead of cholera or typhoid.

### ACTION TOO LATE

Mayor Andrew McGavin, the first speaker, said the meeting was called too late. Victorians, he said, should have acted last July, when the Dominion government first told the city to proceed with chlorination. He said machinery for the process had

been ordered and would be installed, whatever the meeting might think or do about it. The cost, which would be borne by the Dominion, he said, would be \$34,000, with an annual upkeep and operation of \$7,000.

Ald. Percy George, member of the city water board, said the City Council was unanimous in its opposition to chlorination, and suggested that even if the machinery is installed, it should not be put into use, except in the event of an emergency.

Ald. Worthington, water board chairman, said Victoria's water was the purest on the Pacific coast, and that the City Council would back up any stand the citizens might take on the matter of chlorination. He said, however, the War Measures Act was far-reaching and over-riding in its powers.

G. M. Irwin, city engineer and water commissioner, deprecated the alarm raised at the possible effects of chlorination. He said the amount of chlorine used in the water would be one-tenth of one part to 1,000,000 parts, a proportion that would kill nothing human, but that would destroy bacteria and algae. He ignored questions from the audience as to why the bacteria should be killed.

Vancouver and Victoria, Mr. Irwin said, were about the only cities of their size on the North American continent not supplied with chlorinated water at present.

"You needn't be alarmed at what we've been ordered to do," he said.

### DEATH RATE CUT

R. Bowering, public health engineer and sanitary inspector of the B.C. government, after outlining the engineering aspects of the subject, said that since chlorination went into general effect on this continent the death rate from typhoid had been reduced to one-fortieth of its incidence in 1900. He said Victoria's water might be quite safe, but that the time to ensure the continuance of its purity was when it was proved that it might be contaminated, without waiting for that event. Existence of a public road through the city's watershed at Sooke, proved, he said, that pollution of Victoria's water was possible.

Mr. Bowering said the public need have no worries about the taste of chlorine. The modern process of "chloramination"—use of ammonia with chlorine—he said, would take care of that hazard.

Answering questions, he said 85 per cent of all water supplied to the people of this continent by public water systems was chlorinated, and that the water was made neither distasteful nor hard in the process.

"Chlorination," he said, "is a small cost to pay to remove all doubts as to danger from water supply, and that even if the district had no sickness resulting from its water for another 100 years, it would still be a worthwhile measure."

Dr. A. G. Price, former city health officer, who was in office in 1917, was the only professional man to agree with the lay opinion against chlorination. He said he had taken many samples of city water, and had always found it pure. He had, however, always advised mothers to boil it before using it on their babies, or giving it them to drink.

A. B. Sanders, who presented the meeting with a resolution addressed to the President of the United States—one which was never put to a vote—said chlorine was an irritant, for which there was no need in Victoria. He said science knew nothing about poisons and their capacity to effect molecular changes. He said chlorination had been put over on Vancouver by Health Minister Ian Mackenzie, and suggested it had been fostered by someone with ulterior motives.

In his resolution, addressed to President Roosevelt, Mr. Sanders

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suggested U.S. soldiers in this country should chlorinate their own water if they want it that way.

Frank Higgins, K.C., said scientists should find some other way to purify water instead of chlorination. Gottre was on the increase in chlorinated districts, he said, probably because chlorine killed the iodine in the water. The whole thing, he suggested, was the idea of someone with something to sell.

Dr. Berman said if the people wanted the truth, he would say there was no surface water that could at all times be said to be safe, and that Victoria's water was surface water. He suggested chlorine in the quantity it was proposed to be used was not harmful, and that it was a good war-time emergency measure. Sandfiltration was better as a permanent means of purification if public bodies had the courage to spend the money for it, he said.

Mayor McGavin answered a question as to a plebiscite on the subject by saying that it would take too long.

Mr. Crisford, in adjourning the meeting, said a committee would meet to draft the necessary resolution, and another public meeting would be called when that had been done.

### New Pay Arrangements

LONDON (AP)—Air Vice-Marshal K. G. Nairn of Ottawa, air member for accounts and finance, has returned to London from India, where he established a new pay set-up under which the Canadian government assumes responsibility for the pay of all R.C.A.F. personnel in the India area, R.C.A.F. headquarters announced today.

### Islander Graduates

MONT JOLI, Que. (CP)—A class of air gunners graduated today after completing training at No. 9 Bombing and Gunnery School, R.C.A.F., here. They included Harry May, Wellington, B.C.

### Navy Seeks Recruits

Enlistments in the naval service will be sought by a recruiting party scheduled to tour Vancouver Island commencing April 5. The itinerary follows:

April 5—Duncan (Elks Home), 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Ladysmith (City Hall), 4.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

April 6—Nanaimo (Eagles Home), 8.30 a.m. to noon; Parksville (Masonic Building), 3 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.; Qualicum (Community Hall), 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

April 7—Nanaimo (Eagles Home), 8.30 a.m. to noon; Port Alberni (City Hall), 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

April 9—Courtenay (Legion Hall), 8.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Fairfield Concert Boosts A.R.P. Fund

Before a capacity audience in the Sir James Douglas School, Wednesday night, a concert was given under the auspices of District 10, A.R.P., and a substantial amount for the purchase of medical kits was raised.

Those who participated were: Happy Canucks, with young Dina Bradley as soloist; Yvonne Simpson, songs and taps; Ray Brain, Lancashire, brogue; Mrs. Florence Noel, soprano; Patricia Healey and Angela Harrison, novelty number; W.O.L. Ryves, songs; Lois Russell, dance of Old

Spain; Little Theatre Orchestra, group of selections; Merryfield the Cornish wizard; Cliff Moore, accordion; Alec Marlin, recitations, and the Pacific Rollers Trio. Mrs. Bertucci acted as accompanist and Grant Paterson as master of ceremonies.

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## Cup Soccer Final Tomorrow

## V.M.D. Battle R.A.F.

Possession of the Jackson Cup for the next 12 months will be determined tomorrow afternoon at Athletic Park when Victoria Machinery Depot meet up with the R.A.F. Kick-off is set for 2.45 with Paul King as referee. Joe Obee and Danny Glancy will run the lines.

With the Garrison and Freddy Price Cups already in their possession the V.M.D. are determined to make it three straight and complete their clean-up of local soccer competitions for the season. The only club to set back the shipbuilders during the season, the R.A.F. are quite confident they can repeat the trick in the cup final.

Dr. Arthur Poyntz, former manager of the Victoria United Club, will present the trophy to the winning side.

St. Louis College and Royals,

under 15 juvenile soccer eleven, will meet in the lower island cup final tomorrow afternoon at Athletic Park at 1. The winner will represent Victoria in the provincial finals.

Sunday, at Bullen Park, Royal Canadian Navy Province Cup team will oppose St. Louis College, first division juvenile footballers, in an exhibition match. The game is slated for 2.30.

The following Navy players are asked to turn out Stewardson, Thompson, Matheson, Gudmundson, Harris, Ross, DeCosta and Barbera.

### ARTIST KNIGHTS

King Charles I. of England, knighted two famous Dutch artists, Rubens and Van Dyck. The latter is said to have painted 36 portraits of the English monarch.

## Armstrong Gets Big Chance in Battle With Jack Tonight

NEW YORK (AP)—The Hammer comes back to Madison Square Garden tonight for the "biggest fight" of his life.

Gone are the three championships he once held, and there's no title on the line this time as he tangles in a 10-rounder with young Beau Jack, the kid he once taught how to fight. But to the Hammer it's the most important brawl in all his career, because he wants to show the "wise guys" that he's not a washed-up old man.

The Hammer, of course, is Henry Armstrong, who a few years back was boss man of the welterweights, the lightweight and the featherweights—the only man in ring history to hold three crowns simultaneously. Two

years ago the experts wrote his fistic "obit." They said he was through for keeps after Fritz Zivic beat him up twice in a row. Henry has had 18 fights in his comeback, won 16 of them, but, except for a revenge over Zivic, tonight's tussle is the one he's wanted above all others. Because it was in the Garden ring that he bowed out the first time, and the "smarties" buried him.

He didn't want "just any fighter" in this return. He told promoter Mike Jacobs he wanted the "toughest kid around." And he got just that.

### Telescope's Eye

The lens for the world's largest telescope, at Mount Palomar, was furnished by a remote quartz mine deep in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina.

A well-mixed nicotine dust, 3 per cent nicotine, may be used to control cabbage worms, corn borers and cucumber beetles, replacing war-scarce rotenone and pyrethrum.

## Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

ADAPTING its play to suit the occasion Victoria Army ushered Calgary Currie Barracks out of the Allan Cup hockey playoffs Wednesday night. After dumping the Alberta champions for a three-goal lead at the 15-minute mark of the second period the Victoria team changed its tactics completely to play kiddy-bar-door hockey. Playing Coach Bill Carse and company just checked the Calgary players at every move and made no effort to score additional goals unless the opportunity was handed them on a platter. Result was that Calgary had trouble the remainder of the game getting their attacks organized. Listening to the game on the radio one could picture the Victoria forwards forechecking Calgary right in back of their own blue line.

Victory of the Victoria team must have come as a bitter blow to a number of local fans we know. Since the series opened there has been considerable amount of betting on the games with the Calgary club having a surprising amount of backing. These same people could not even picture the local club taking the series. No doubt their bankrolls are depleted no little bit. And they cannot take anything away from the Victoria triumph, the local boys winning the series the hard way. After being down twice Victoria came back each time to tie it up and then had the punch to come through in the sudden-death clincher.

From reports it looks as if Nick Metz, ex-Toronto Maple Leaf, is just starting to his stride on the Victoria defence. He was very much in the spotlight Wednesday night, especially when Calgary attempted to put on the pressure in the third period. Metz is one smart hockey player and, if he has finally succeeded in playing himself into condition, the Victoria team will be considerably stronger in the vicinity of its goal.

In going up against Winnipeg R.C.A.F. in the western final Victoria tackles a team studded with former National Hockey League stars. The Flyers' lineup includes Bill Juzda, formerly of the New York Rangers; Branigan, an ex-New York American, and Pete Langelle and Wally Stanowski, both former Toronto Maple Leafs. Another team member is Paul Platz, that fiery handy man of this year's R.C.A.F. club in the Island League. Platz's position is one of the strange incidents that crop up in amateur hockey under war conditions. Platz played against the Army during the local league semifinals and his club was beaten. Now the Army reaches the western Canada final and Mr. Platz bobs up again. But these name players will mean nothing to the Victoria club. They are back in stride and, flushed with the success of their triumph over Calgary, will take a lot of stopping. They have proven themselves worthy opponents when the chips are down.

To those Canadians who by pen and word of mouth have been calling on the powers that be in Ottawa to cancel horse racing meets for the duration we bring to their attention a news item out of London this week stating that last year Britons wagered \$100,000,000 at 17 tracks featuring dog races. And we wouldn't say Britain is going to the dogs.

## Jack McGill Suffers Badly Fractured Wrist

OTTAWA (CP)—With his right wrist fractured in two places, Pie Jack McGill will be missing from Ottawa Commandos' lineup when they oppose Toronto R.C.A.F. Saturday at Toronto in the third game of their best-of-five series in the semi-final round of the eastern Canada Allan Cup playoffs. Commandos lead 2 to 0.

McGill suffered the injury in the second game here, and may be out for the rest of the season. Pie, Eddie Slowinski will replace him on a forward line with L.Cpl. Kenny Kilrea and Lieut. Gorgie Poirier.

## Mack Likes White, Mayo

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP)—"I like Eddie Mayo and Jo-Jo White," said Connie Mack today, "they're certainly the best looking pair of all our new men."

Mayo and White are both returning to the big time with the Philadelphia Athletics after sojourns in the Pacific Coast League.

"I never did think White should have been waived out of the league when Detroit let him go four years ago," Mack continued.

## Detroit Blasts Boston In Cup Hockey Opener

## Halifax Flyers Whip Ottawa for Ice Series Lead

Ottawa R.C.A.F. Flyers, last year's winner of the Allan Cup, were given a 5 to 3 setback by Halifax R.C.A.F. Thursday night in the third game of a best-of-five eastern Canada senior semifinal. Halifax now leads the series 2 to 1, with the fourth game scheduled Saturday in Ottawa. It was the only game in the senior final.

In the junior trek for the Memorial Cup, Winnipeg Rangers scored a 12 to 8 victory over Saskatoon Quakers in the western Canada final. It was the first game of a best-of-five series with the next game in Winnipeg Saturday.

Don Stanley, star Halifax centre, collected two goals out of the all-air force game, with Jimmy Grey, Johnny Acheson and Pat Desbiens adding the other three counters, while Jack Cain, Vic Hanneberry and Les Ramsey scored for the Ottawa Flyers.

In the Saskatoon-Winnipeg game, Gerry Couture was high scorer, netting five times for Saskatoon, with Roddy Morrison adding two and Johnny Harms one. Eddie Coleman and Ritchie McDonald each tallied three for Winnipeg, with Jack Taggart and Bill Vickers each bagging a brace of goals, Jack Irvine and Bill Boorman added the others.

## Cup Tournament at Gorge Vale Links

Annual Maynard Cup competition will be held Sunday at the Gorge Vale Golf Club. Field includes Ernie Brachat, present holder of the trophy.

Draw and starting times follow: 9.00—D. Gillbard, C. J. Robertson and A. MacBride.

9.05—E. Brachat, R. Cox and F. L. Basanta.

9.10—E. Robinson, A. Wright and G. E. Davies.

9.15—A. O. Trickett, W. A. Jaffray and J. G. Thomson.

9.20—N. Howard, B. Frankling and A. Oakley.

9.25—J. Goodman, E. Hume and T. Mathers.

9.30—J. G. Buchlen, D. Fanthorpe and H. R. McDonald.

9.35—R. Feden, A. Juriloff and R. Fanthorpe.

9.40—L. DeCosta, D. Hosmer and P. Steran.

9.45—W. G. Blackman, W. Rose and W. Neilson.

9.50—A. J. Maynard, O. H. Dorman and H. Ashton.

## Whirlaway Nominated

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Whirlaway, money-winning champion; Rounders, his conqueror in the Arlington Handicap; Alsab, last season's outstanding three-year-old, and Rhymer, winner of the 1942 Widener Handicap, head the 56 thoroughbreds named for the Churchill Downs Handicap April 29.

A mile event carrying an added value of \$2,500, the race run actually on the Thursday preceding the Kentucky Derby, also drew as nominees Miss Dogwood, top-ranking filly; Aonbarr, a leading winner of handicap honors; Val-dina Orphan, one of last year's leading three-year-olds, and four Derby eligibles, Ocean Wave, Marchon, Legislator and Galladon.

## Gaffke Quits Cleveland

LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP)—Fabian Gaffke, one of only four outfielders in camp, Thursday quit the Cleveland Indians.

Manager Lou Boudreau said he learned of Gaffke's action when he found a note which read: "When you read this I'll be on my way home. I'm not good for anything but a bush league, playing about once a week. I'm going to work."

The outfielder asked to be placed on the voluntary retired list, Boudreau added. The manager said he would try to reach the player at his Milwaukee home and induce him to return. Gaffke's arm was injured last season.

### AL SIMMONS SERIOUS

MEDFORD, Mass. (AP)—To the fans who saw Al Simmons faltering downhill in the National League a couple of years ago it may sound like an April fool gag to say that the once great slugger is hoping to play a lot of outfield for Boston Red Sox this year.

But Simmons, now 40, is deadly serious about a comeback and his quiet determination is so contagious that he may convince manager Joe Cronin he deserves to be in left field on opening day.

## Bruneteau Stars With Three Goals

DETROIT (AP)—Okay, so those Detroit Red Wings are frisky and fast, but that doesn't entirely explain what happened to the highly-respected Boston Bruins in Olympia Stadium Thursday night.

Jack Adams' Red Wings not only defeated Boston in the opening game of the final series for the battered old Stanley Cup. They cuffed that feeble old Bruin all around the rink, ran through him for six goals, and generally made a rout of what 12,632 gleeful fans had expected to be a hard, close game.

Detroit's margin at the end was 6 to 2. Boston scored in the first period, when it was early, and in the third, when it was too late.

Capt. Sid Abel was credited with four assists for a total of five points, but the real scoring laurels went to Modere (Mud) Bruneteau, who socked home three goals and became the first Red Wing in history to achieve this distinction in a Stanley Cup game.

Art Jackson sparked the Bruin's attack and counted their first goal. For this he drew the praise of manager Art Ross.

### CRAWFORD RETURNS

Johnny Crawford, Boston defenceman who missed the last two play-off games against Montreal and the first against Detroit because of an injured ankle, leaves Toronto Saturday for Detroit in time to join Bruins for the second game Sunday.

Detroit scored first in every period, and almost at the same moment each time. In the first period defenceman Jack Stewart got one after 75 seconds had elapsed; in the second Bruneteau had one 72 seconds after the intermission, and in the third Bruneteau did it after 91 seconds had ticked off.

### LINE-UPS

Boston—Brimsek; Hollett, Clapper; Cowley; Cain, A. Jackson, Subs: Schenchuk, Schmidt, Boyd, Guidolin, Demarco, H. Jackson Chamberlain, Gallinger.

Detroit—Mowers; Stewart, Orlando; Abel; Liscombe, Bruneteau, Subs: Hal Jackson, Simon, Grosso, Brown, Wares, Watson, Douglas, Carveth.

Referee, Bill Chadwick; linesmen, Sam Babcock and Bert Hedges.

### SUMMARY

First period—1, Detroit, Stewart (Abel, Liscombe), 1:15; 2, Boston, Art Jackson (Cain), 18:13.

Second period—3, Detroit, Bruneteau (Abel, H. Jackson), 1:12; 4, Detroit, Abel, 15:43; 5, Detroit, Carveth (Douglas), 19:06. Penalties: Art Jackson (major), Orlando.

Third period—6, Detroit, Bruneteau.

### Greco Rises Rapidly

## Not Canadian Champ

By CHARLES EDWARDS  
TORONTO (CP)—Nineteen-year-old Johnny Greco, Canadian Army private from Montreal, is boomed as a contender for Beau Jack's world lightweight crown. Yet Greco does not even hold the Dominion lightweight title, and has never fought the champion, Sgt. Dave Castilloux, R.C.A.F.

Greco has enjoyed sudden popularity in the New York ring. There's no doubt he packs a healthy punch. But some observers maintain Greco could not beat Castilloux, also a Montrealer, and a 30-year-old veteran of the fight game.

Here's what Baz O'Meara, of the Montreal Star has to say about the prospects: "Those who have seen Johnny Greco in recent action keep assuring us that he isn't ready as yet for Castilloux. . . . Castilloux, from what we hear, is being passed, for the time being, not because he isn't considered quality enough for the contest, but because he isn't a good draw. . . ."

### SHAMATEUR HOCKEY

Red (Toronto Star) Burnett discussed Ottawa Commandos, Allan Cup hockey favorites, with Bill Brunton, boss of the Ottawa auditorium, their home rink. "He says that Neil Colville is the most popular player to perform

## Stanley Cup Statistics

FINALS									
(Best-of-seven Series)									
	P.	W.	L.	P.	W.	L.	P.	W.	L.
Detroit Red Wings	4	2	2	6	2	2	2	2	2
Boston Bruins	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	2	0
SEMIFINALS									
(Best-of-seven Series)									
	P.	W.	L.	P.	W.	L.	P.	W.	L.
Detroit Red Wings	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Toronto Maple Leafs	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Detroit won best-of-seven series 4-2.									
(Best-of-seven Series)									
	P.	W.	L.	P.	W.	L.	P.	W.	L.
Boston Bruins	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Montreal Canadiens	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Boston won best-of-seven series 4-1.									
Scoring leaders follow:									
	G.	A.	P.	G.	A.	P.	G.	A.	P.
Liscombe, Detroit	4	7	11	0					
Abel, Detroit	3	7	10	2					
Bruneteau, Detroit	3	4	9	0					
G'Connor, Montreal	4	3	9	0					
Jack, Montreal	3	4	9	0					
Hollett, Boston	0	7	7	4					
Jack, Montreal	3	4	6	0					
Drillon, Montreal	2	3	6	0					
Cowley, Boston	1	5	6	0					
Boile, Toronto	2	3	6	0					
Carveth, Detroit	4	2	6	4					
Cain, Boston	4	2	6	0					
Jackson, Boston	4	2	6	0					
Taylor, Toronto	2	3	5	0					
Clapper, Boston	2	3	5	0					
Schneider, Toronto	2	3	5	0					
Gallinger, Boston	3	1	4	0					

## Turk Broda Will Play Against Navy Squad

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Walter (Turk) Broda, goaler for Toronto Leafs of the National Hockey League, left Montreal Thursday for San Diego to participate with the Skyhawks against the Victoria, B.C., Navy team in the border city Tuesday. The San Diego and Victoria teams will resume the series April 9 and 10 in Los Angeles and the sextette scoring the most goals in the series will face Montreal Canadiens in the second round of the first Canadian-American tourney here.

## Victoria Team Wins Schools Soccer Title

Peter Leung's goal in overtime gave Victoria schools' soccer team a hard-fought 1 to 0 victory over the representative eleven from Oak Bay, in the Fragments of France Cup final this week.

Match produced a lot of fine play, with the Victoria team holding a slight edge during the regulation playing time.

At the conclusion of play, Capt. F. G. Dexter presented the trophy to Les Irvine, captain of the Victoria team.

## AMATEUR HOCKEY

### WESTERN CANADA JUNIOR FINAL

Saskatoon Quakers 8, Winnipeg Rangers 12.  
(Rangers lead best-of-five series 1-0.)

### EASTERN CANADA SENIOR HOCKEY SEMIFINAL

Halifax R.C.A.F. 5, Ottawa R.C.A.F. Flyers 3.  
(Halifax leads best-of-five series, 2-1.)

teau (Abel, Liscombe), 1:21; 7, Detroit, Bruneteau (Stewart, Abel), 16:24; 8, Boston, Demarco Guidolin, Gallinger), 17:53. Penalty: Stewart.

### Greco Rises Rapidly

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in Ottawa, during the past 10 years. Also that the Commandos are the best-paid team in Canada, b'gosh!"

Len Loree and Hank D'Amore tied for the scoring championship of the Windsor City Hockey League with 47 points each in the 15-game schedule. Loree had 30 goals, 17 assists, and D'Amore 17 goals, 30 assists. . . . Although Banff Springs Hotel will remain closed this year, Harry (Calgary Albertan) Scott says the golf course at the Rocky Mountain resort will be open as usual, with the veteran Bill Thomson as professional. . . . Sgt. Tommy Anderson, playing coach of the Calgary Currie Army hockey team, and former Brooklyn Americans star, has been promoted to 2nd lieutenant.

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### Sugar for Rhubarb

An extra allowance of sugar may be obtained for use with home-grown rhubarb. Effective April 1st, Coupon No. 1 from the Spare "B" sheet (blue) is good for 1 lb of sugar for culinary use with rhubarb. This sugar bonus will permit the consumption of approximately 5 lbs of rhubarb per person. Only Spare "B" coupon No. 1 may be used. It is valid now and expires May 31.

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ing purposes, will be yours for the duration. Put it away in a safe place. You may need to refer to it.

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## Dorothy Dix:

Dear Dorothy Dix: I know a man who is good and kind and a splendid provider for his family. His table literally groans under the good food, yet his table manners are so horrible that instead of enjoying a meal it is an ordeal to his wife and children. He gulps his coffee. He mops his plate. He chews with his mouth wide open so you can hear him in the next room.

All this mortifies his family so that they never invite a guest to the house. His wife has corrected him, not once, but 100 times, until he, himself, says that it has gotten almost unbearable. She has appealed to his self-respect, the reputation of his family, but all to no avail. What can she do? D. E. R.

### BADGERED INTO DEFIANT REFUSAL

Answer: I should say that the best thing to do would be to let the poor man alone and to stop badgering him about his table manners. Probably he has been nagged about them until he has got his back up, and he is determined to eat as he pleases, just to show that he won't be henpecked and chickenpecked. Eating with his knife and sopping his gravy is a gesture of defiance and a proclamation of personal liberty.

Therefore, if the wife will drop her criticisms and let her husband think that she has given up the fight, the chances are that he will profit by some of the corrections that he has heard 1,000,000 times and modify his faults at the table. But if he doesn't, why not just accept the inevitable and try to make the best of the situation instead of getting morbid over it?

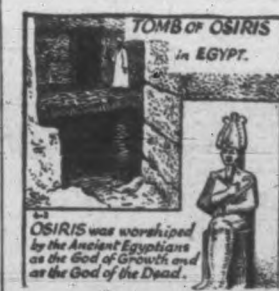
After all, bad table manners are not a capital sin. They may get on your nerves, but they don't break your heart. It isn't as bad to have a husband who gobbles his food as it is to have one who doesn't provide any food at all for his family. It isn't as bad to have a husband who gulps his coffee as it is to have one who is always finding fault with it and wondering why you can't make a decent cup. It isn't as bad to have a husband whom you can hear eat as it is to have one who is buying eats for flappers. Don't let your husband's manner of eating wreck your home. Good manners and good principles are more important than table etiquette.

But what a lesson this story should teach mothers about their importance of teaching children how to eat properly, for we are judged by our table manners.

## Uncle Ray

### 'Tomb of Osiris' Exists at Abydos in Southern Egypt

A traveler, if he wished to do so, might board a boat at Alexandria, Egypt, and make a slow journey upstream in the Nile. When you go upstream in that great river you are traveling southward.



At many places alongside the Nile a person may see sights which will take him back to ancient times. He can, for example, stop in Cairo and go through a museum which contains the treasures found in the tomb of King Tut.

A short distance from Cairo are the most famous pyramids ever built. They were set up by

more powerful monarchs than King Tut.

Boarding the boat again, the traveler might travel hundreds of miles upstream until he reached Abydos. If he cared about speed, however, he would take a train or airplane instead of a boat. Abydos is about 375 miles south of Alexandria.

A few miles from the western bank of the Nile are many temples and tombs. One of the tombs ranks among the oldest in the world. It is known as the "Tomb of Osiris," and is believed to date back 5,000 years or more. Osiris was a god of the ancient Egyptians. His name is pronounced like "oh-SI-ris," the middle syllable having a long "i".

Since we feel sure that ancient gods existed only in fancy, we may wonder how the Egyptians could have used a tomb for one of them.

The answer is to be found in the story of Osiris. 'Twas said that he had been an earthly king, a good man, who worked for the welfare of his country. The story goes on to say:

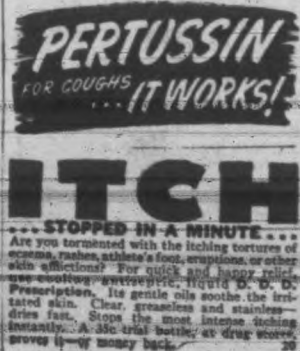
"By sad misfortune, Osiris had a brother with an evil nature. This brother, named Set, was jealous of Osiris and murdered him."

"Isis, the wife of Osiris, found the body in a cedar chest at Abydos. Learning of this, Set cut the body in pieces, but these were found by Isis and were put together again."

"Osiris came back to life. He no longer could live on earth, but he became the King of the Dead. Entering the Afterworld he acted as the chief judge in the Hall of Justice and Truth."

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### 'Y' Leaders Hold 3-Day Conference

More than 50 Y.M.C.A. War Services supervisors from navy, army and air force stations in British Columbia will attend a three-day conference here, commencing tomorrow morning. Among the prominent Y.M.C.A. leaders here for the conference are J. W. Beaton, senior secretary for War Services in Canada and Overseas; Cliff Schell, secretary for financial administration; A. M. Hurst, Pacific area south secretary, and R. G. Gibson, Pacific area north secretary.

### Rotarians Nominate

The part played by women in uniform was explained by Lieut. Mabel Brown, recruiting officer, C.W.A.C., speaking at Rotary luncheon Thursday.

"We should be proud that it was in this city that the Canadian Women's Army Corps was born," she said, "much of the ground work having been laid through the patience and resolution of Lt.-Col. Joan Kennedy."

This conflict differs in all respects from the last Great War. Then we had a small navy, no air force, and four army divisions. Now we have a greatly augmented navy, a tremendous air force, and eight army divisions.

"In the women's branch we had at least 25,000 more volunteers, 2,000 of these from British Columbia."

A quiz program, arranged by G. Hamilton Harman, chairman of fellowship, acquaintance and greeters committee, included musical questions, for which Al Smith played the piano accompaniment. Those taking part were Phil Fleming, John W. Armstrong, W. E. Kennedy, George Brown, Jim Beatty and Capt. D. J. Proudfoot.

Nomination of officers for the next term commencing July 1, election to take place on April 22, was as follows, for president, J. A. Craig and M. J. Little; for directors, C. F. Armstrong, Alfred Dowell, W. J. Fletcher, E. N. Horsey, C. T. Martin, G. H. Mathison, Capt. D. J. Proudfoot, and Al Smith.

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### Offal Supplements 2-Lb. Meat Ration

Victoria housewives may supplement the family's meat diet under the two-pound per person per week plan, by liberal quantities of liver, poultry, fish and eggs, according to advice from Ottawa. As none of these, or any product classed as "butcher's offal," which includes heart, kidney, liver, etc., are on the rationed list, indications are that housewives may be scouring their cook books for attractive recipes for presenting these to their families.

Authorities predict a boom in eating of beans, eggs, fish and such commodities which have a large protein quality, the same as meat.

One question puzzling housewives was the question of soup bones. According to the Dominion authorities the basic allowance will be two pounds of meat. If the customer demands all meat and no bones it may actually be less by actual weight. If there is a large percentage of bone then the actual piece may be over two pounds. But housewives here are of the opinion that soup bones, with none or very little meat attached, should be exempted. Butchers, too, were of the opinion that there were "many headaches" in store with regard to bones, if the matter were not settled quickly.

Because the rationing of meat will be carried out here under the simple coupon system, using the brown spare coupon in the ration book, housewives here will be spared many trials of the American housewife, where the meat ration, under the point system, is tied up with the rationing of cheese, canned fish, fats and oils.

According to a dispatch from Ottawa higher income groups will possibly have their meat eating reduced more, under the system, than the lower income groups.

Questioned concerning its possible effect on the working man K. W. Taylor, foods administrator, said that as far as he could estimate it would mean a reduction of possibly 10 per cent for the working people, while it would be about 30 per cent for the well-to-do.

Families with small children will benefit under the system, as the rationing permits two pounds of meat per person per week, regardless of age, so the parents may profit from children's allotment.

### Eagles Growing Fast in Victoria



One hundred and six new members, some of whom are shown above, were inducted into the Victoria Aerie, No. 12, F.O.E., at the weekly meeting Wednesday night. Victoria has passed 585 new members since June last and the membership of the aerie now stands at 1,378. President Bill Bridgwood reminded the meeting that the local aerie had been twice winners of the pennant for the biggest yearly enrolment for aeries in British Columbia and Washington and hoped this year to win permanent possession of the flag.

### Maltese Adore R.A.F. Prisoner of War Flier Tells Students

Qualifications of a caterpillar, traditions of the Maltese, and fashion fads of the Egyptians were among the interesting topics discussed by FO. Jack Swinger, D.F.C., when he kept the students of the Mount Newton High School fascinated for an hour Thursday recounting his personal experiences in the Torpedo Bomber Squadron overseas.

FO. Swinger is making a series of speeches on behalf of the National War Finance Committee.

He told the students of the rocky formation of Malta, their innumerable air raid shelters made necessary by constant blitzing; of the Maltese adoration of the R.A.F. He told of a journey made to Jerusalem and Bethlehem where he was allowed to enter the stable where Christ was born; and entertained his listeners with many amusing anecdotes of first experiences.

Petty Officer Bowditch, D.S.M., R.C.N., Thursday spoke to students and staff of South Park. He described a convoy, its formation to protect vessels from surface craft and submarines, and the activity and procedure when the action alarm is sounded.

When aircraft action guns are manned, the enemy meets with hot reception, he said, and often bombing follows. In the case of submarines, depth-charge stations are manned and fired, often causing a "crash-dive" on the part of the submarine which hopes to escape underwater.

Listening device experts take over after submersion, Petty Officer Bowditch explained, and the radio keeps the captain informed of submarine's activities, until a favorable opportunity when the captain cons the ship into attack. Each charge holds 300 pounds of T.N.T. When this is dropped, "the excitement really starts," the seaman said, enthusiastically.

Petty Officer Bowditch also spoke to the Willows today.

### February Land Sales Highest Since 1932

February land sales in Victoria were higher than any for that month since 1932, according to a statement released by the city assessor-collector's department today.

Values for the month were listed at \$240,925 and covered 70 deals. In February last year 88 properties were sold for \$200,712. The last February for which sales exceeded those of this year was in 1932 when 57 properties brought \$308,603.

In addition to sales, \$92,910 worth of parcels changed hands through transfers and another \$107,245 through wills, making the aggregate for the month \$441,080, a figure well ahead of the \$266,172 listed in February, 1942.

### Died of Natural Causes

Austin D. Frumento, who was found unconscious Wednesday night on Fifth Street, and was found to be dead on arrival at Royal Jubilee Hospital, died of natural causes, Dr. E. C. Hart, coroner, announced Thursday night, after having conducted an investigation. No inquest will be held.

### LANGFORD

The Women's Auxiliary to the Prince Edward Branch, No. 21, Canadian Legion, will meet Monday at 2:30 in the Legion Hall. On Wednesday, April 14, the branch will hold a special meeting at 7, followed at 8 by an address by Robert Macnicol, executive secretary of the Provincial Command on current events as they concern veterans of this and previous wars and their dependents.

Under the auspices of the W.A. the R.A.F. "Smiles" show will be given at the Colwood Hall Friday, April 9 at 8.

The monthly meeting of St. Matthews Guild will be held Wednesday at 2 at the home of Mrs. G. T. Phipps, off Station Road.

### City Not Delaying Action On B.C.E.R.

"Someone is talking through his hat," Mayor Andrew McGavin said today in commenting on a Vancouver Sun editorial suggesting Victoria and Vancouver were idle on the proposal to acquire the B.C. Electric Light and power holdings serving the two cities.

"The person who wrote that does not know what he is talking about when he suggests Victoria and Vancouver are the cause of the delay in negotiations for acquisition of the company's properties."

"We have had our representatives, F. L. Shaw, city solicitor; Prof. E. S. Farr and myself, appointed for some time to negotiate with the provincial government on the issue. We are ready and waiting for the government to make the next move. The province should take the lead."

"Our last information was to the effect Premier Hart would appoint his government committee when the pressing business of the last session was completed."

"The suggestion that we take in adjoining municipalities is premature. Victoria and Vancouver have shown a definite interest in the issue. The cities are ready to go ahead with discussions. At some future date entry of the municipalities into the picture may be advisable. That is for them to decide."

### Lions Club Hears Dr. W. Trenholme

"Life of a country doctor and a few impressions on state medicine," were described by Dr. William Trenholme at the Thursday meeting of the Lions' Club, in Spencer's dining room.

Dr. Trenholme told of his experiences when, as a youthful graduate in medicine of the University of Alberta in 1933, "at the trough of the depression," he went out to practice under a local scheme for state medicine in a little community in the heart of Saskatchewan's drought area.

"The residents paid an average of \$2 per year," he said, "and for this they received home visits and all the work I could do in my office, free of charge. Surgical work, drugs, etc., were, of course, extra."

"However, you couldn't hope to support a nation-wide state medical scheme at such a low cost," he emphasized. "It would cost much more."

He said that though he worked there for five years under the happiest relations with the residents, and left without being owed a cent, a record for the medical profession, nevertheless, he felt that state medicine on a wide scale throughout Canada still had many problems to solve.

### A.R.P. Activities

Oak Bay—Warden's first aid class will be held at 8 Friday in Municipal Hall. First aid class of the medical services will be held at 7:30 Thursday.

District No. 2 (Burnside)—Meeting which was to have been held next Monday in Burnside School has been postponed until Monday, April 19, at 8, when moving pictures will be shown by G. Edwardson.

### Fort St. John Booming, Stop Sign Necessary

Fort St. John, in the Peace River block, has grown to such proportions that it has become necessary to erect a stop sign. By order-in-council this week the government approved such a sign at the intersection of the town's main street and the Peace Pass Highway.

Other orders-in-council appoint Miss Marion E. A. Bethune of Vancouver an issuer of marriage licenses in place of R. V. Mauris, who has joined the armed forces; Gordon M. Berry, city clerk of Trail, a commissioner to receive affidavits; Simon F. Mackay of Hope, a notary public.

### Watchman, Caught In Shaft, Killed

Apparently caught in a whirling shaft and strangled by his clothing, Gordon J. C. Ede, 53-year-old watchman of the Sidney Roofing and Paper Co. Ltd., Industrial Reserve, was killed Thursday night.

According to police reports Ede went on shift at 4 Thursday afternoon. It was his custom to turn a certain valve at about 4:15. Police believe he became entangled in the whirling machinery when he turned the valve although he was not discovered until 11:20 when Walter Hodges, 570 Ardisier Road, came to relieve him.

The tightening clothes dislocated his shoulder. An arm, resting on the turning shaft, was badly burned by friction.

An inquest is being arranged. Funeral arrangements from the Thomson Funeral Home are being made for next Wednesday.

Besides his father, Wilbur Ede, 1925 Ash Street, Mr. Ede leaves four sisters, Ada, at home; Ruth, in Saskatchewan; Kate, Comox, V.I., and Mrs. Walter Fletcher, Victoria; one brother, Harold Ede, Oliver, B.C., and a daughter, Kathleen, at home.

### Schoolgirl Crashed Into Bus, Jury Says

Marguerite Irene (Peggy) Lloyd met her death March 31 as a result of injuries suffered when she rode into the side of a bus on her bicycle at Cedar Hill Crossroad, the jury decided at the inquest at Sands Mortuary. Verdict of accidental death was returned.

The jury made a recommendation that Saanich teachers give lectures from time to time on safety precautions for cyclists and the dangers of driving in traffic.

Dr. Lincoln W. Cromwell, who was called to the Jubilee Hospital a few minutes after the accident, pronounced the child dead on arrival.

Passengers on the bus agreed that the young cyclist took a wide sweep in coming around the corner traveling north on Cedar Hill Road, and veered directly into the right front wheel of the bus which was slowing down to permit a passenger to descend. Passengers who gave evidence were Mrs. Anne Bennett, Mrs. Elvira Bryant and Ian Llewellyn.

Aubrey J. Temblett, 13, was a fellow-cyclist.

Sergeant Eric Elwell of Saanich police, referring to measurements and calculations taken on the spot, said the bus was 49 feet from the junction of Cedar Hill Road and Cedar Hill Crossroad, facing north, and the child was lying directly in front of the right wheel, when he arrived at 12:12 p.m. Wednesday.

From brake and burn marks clearly visible on the road, Sergeant Elwell said it was evident the bus, weighing seven tons, had pulled up in 11 feet. There was a 5-foot brake-mark and a 6-foot burn mark made when 100-pound pressure had been applied to brakes.

Harry Monahan, driver of the bus, was represented by Roy Manzer.

Jurists were Stanley Scurrah, Percy Warren, Richard Holdard, Harold Butler, Herbert Ralph and Walter Dawe.

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### Licenses in April Save Drivers Money

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By waiting a month \$1.67 was saved on a \$20 license plate. Each month, as the year goes by, a \$20 plate will cost \$1.67 less.

Surprising to police officials is the fact that there are nearly as many licenses out as a year ago. At the end of March the total number was only 2.6 down over a year ago.

It is known that a number of motorists will leave their cars tied up until August or September, then buy a license for about half its original cost, get all the gas their coupons entitle them to and take a good motoring holiday.

At the end of March there were 12,180 licenses issued at the Victoria office of the Provincial Police.

There are still 4,000 gas ration books awaiting motorists at the police office. About 8,000 have been taken out in recent days. The 4,000 doubtless belong to motorists who filled up their tanks in the latter part of March and are going easy on their cars until summer comes.

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### Pork Prices Slashed

Marking down of prices of wholesale pork products of most types by 1 to 11 cents by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, was announced today by Victoria packing companies.

Packers said the new prices became effective Thursday and will be in effect on the retail market as soon as stocks on hand, Wednesday, have been used up.

The effect on the retail market includes a 8 1/2 to 10 cent cut on side bacon. Other pork products will be similarly reduced. Top retail price of bacon will be 45 1/2 cents per pound.

### Short Postage Costs Receiver Double

Victorians receiving letters mailed after 12:01 Thursday morning without postage at the new rates have to pay double the deficit before the postman will give them their mail.

Postmaster G. H. Gardiner said today a considerable quantity of mail, but not more than post office officials expected, had been posted after the Wednesday midnight deadline without sufficient postage for the new rates. "Postage Due" stamps are being put on this mail.

Mr. Gardiner also reported a marked increase in the volume of mail handled Wednesday as citizens attempted to save money by bringing their letter writing up to date before the new tariff was applied.

The current rates which apply only on first-class mail are as follows: Greater Victoria area 3 cents; Western Hemisphere, Britain and other countries of the International Postal Union, 4 cents; Russia, Switzerland and other countries not members of the union, 5 cents, and air mail, 7 cents.

The post office here has received no supplies of stamps for the new rates. Combinations of ones, twos and threes must be used for the present.

Struck down on Government Street by a car driven by Frank Hobbs, 3008 Douglas Street, A. V. Underwood, 1944 Waterloo Road, a cyclist, suffered minor head and facial injuries Thursday afternoon.

There are 46 different species of rattlesnakes, 26 of which occur in the United States.

### Sir Alfred Baker Dies

LONDON (CP)—Sir Alfred Baker, 72, who was elected chairman of the London County Council March 9, died here today after an illness of two weeks. A solicitor, he had been legal adviser to the Labor Party for 30 years.

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